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# ABREDONIAE VTRIVSQUE DESCRIPTIO

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# PREFACE.

THE Antiquities of Aberdeen have been so diligently illustrated, first, by the industrious KENNEDY, and latterly by a more learned, as well as a more graceful chronicler, that any general disquisition on its history must seem impertinent, unless it should embody the result of more labour and research than can be tolerated in a mere prefatory notice. It appears sufficient, in this place, to describe the materials which the filial duty of the SPALDING CLUB has here contributed for the illustration of its parent city.

The two sheets of URBS ABREDONIAE are an accurate facsimile of the engraving of the Burgh and its Freedom, procured from Holland, by the then rare liberality of the City Magistrates, after the pen and ink drawing which "Master James Gordoun, Minister at Rothemay had beine "at great paines in draughting upon ane meikle cairt of "paper; which he delivered to the Council—weill done"—on the 16th of October 1661; and in recompense of which, he received a silver piece or cup of twenty ounces,

with a silk hat for himself, "and ane silk govn to his bed-"fellow."[1] It is to be regretted that the Dutch engraver has disfigured the names and references. A few of his errors are noticed below.[2]

To illustrate this plan of his native city, James Gordon composed in Latin his ABREDONIAE UTRIUSQUE DESCRIPTIO, still preserved, in the MS. apparently of his father, in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates at Edinburgh.[3] In the same volume is a translation of that treatise, in a hand nearly contemporary. From it the text of the following sheets has been faithfully printed; only adding or altering from the Latin original what the imperfections of the translation rendered necessary for the sense. The translator is not known. His work is every where rude, and with the idiom and constrained air of a version of an imperfectly understood original; while in some places he

[1] Gordon's Scots Affairs, Spalding Club Edit. vol. i., p. lxiii.

[2] *Locu Abredoniæ Veteris Notabilia.*

*For* Tullidrens Hill, *read* Tullydron.
*For* Canonita, *read* Canonista.
*For* Cluyns, *read* Clunys.

*Nov. Abredoniæ Loca.*

*For* Hish Merkat, *read* Flesh Merkat.

*In the body of the Plan.*

*For* Cluyn's Garden, *read* Cluny's Garden.
The Latin inscription under the View of King's College defective and inaccurate.

*Ager Abredonensis.*

*For* Steen Kirk, *read* Skeen Kirk.
*For* Tyrhager Hill, *read* Tyrbager.
*For* Bogsuirly, *read* Bogfairly.
*For* Ribelaw, *read* Rubeslaw.
Inscription to the right, abounding with typographical errors.

*In the body of the Plan.*

*For* Grab stene, *read* Crabstone.
*For* rack buts, *read* back butts.
*For* Pow Crick, *read* Pow Crick.

*Prospect below the Map.*

*For* the Cr. abb. stone, *read* Crabb Stone.
*For* The Scoole Hillez Blakfreers, *read* The Scoole Hille and Blakfreers.
*For* On of the Jashes within the haven, *read* One of the Inches within the haven.

[3] MSS. Bibl. Adv. 34. 2. 8. (W. 2. 20.)

has plainly mistaken the meaning of the homely but vigorous Latin of James Gordon.

The fac-similes of the two Views of Slezer, ungraphic and unsatisfactory as all that Artist's productions are, serve to fill a blank in the local history of the Burgh and City, and exhibit them as they were at the close of the 17th century.

To complete the series, a plate is given, reduced from an original drawing, representing the Burgh as it appeared in 1739. This work of an artist, of whom nothing but his name is known, is in the possession of Mr. D. Laing, to whose liberality the Club is indebted for its use. The original drawing is about four feet eight inches long by thirteen inches high, and is neatly and evidently faithfully executed.

Those who prize the authentic materials of remote history will receive with satisfaction the selections from the muniments of the Burgh, which conclude this volume. Some of these have been printed before; but it is hoped they are here presented in a more correct shape. The antiquities of our Scotch Burghs are worthy of more attention than has been bestowed upon them by the most intelligent of our historians. Here, as in other countries, the rise of these communities marks the first germ of a middle class, and with it the vindication of personal

independence and security of property, speedily followed by manufacturing and commercial enterprise. The most ancient of our Burghs cannot date their privileges higher than the age of David, the father of his people no less than of the Church; nor support their individual claims by charters earlier than the reign of his grandson William. With the most ancient, as well as the most important, ranks the Burgh of Aberdeen. Long before Edinburgh had acquired the precedency of a capital, or even the first place among the Four Burghs of Southern Scotland,—while Glasgow was yet an insignificant dependent on its Bishop,—Aberdeen had taken its place as a great and independent Royal Burgh, and a port of extensive foreign trade.

But earlier still was the foundation of the pretty rural village that existed, even before the settlement of the Cathedral, at Old Aberdeen; and there can be no reasonable doubt that, as the Burgh must have acquired much of its early importance from being the port of the Bishop's See, so also it took its name from that which their situation at the mouth of the Don had bestowed on the Cathedral and Diocese. In after times, the peculiarly Teutonic accent of the district modified the sound to the name which both towns now bear[1]; but it is equally op-

[1] The change which takes place in the long *o* of the Anglo-Saxon, or *oo* of modern English, when it passes into a long *e*, or *ee*, seems, by an examination of other languages, to have been produced by the influence of an *i* or *y* occurring in the succeeding syllable, in the earlier dialect, and which is absorbed or lost in the Anglo-Saxon and English. Thus, in the Anglo-Saxon and

posed to history and to the progress of our language, to suppose that either town originally owed its name to the noble river whose fisheries and trade have contributed to raise Aberdeen to its present importance.

The two seals of the burgh, figured in the Plate prefixed to the title-page, interesting as the earliest of its seals that have been preserved, have a further interest, if it be held that they illustrate the origin of the City Arms. The lower is copied from the stiff engraving in Astle's *Vetusta Monumenta*, vol. iii. pl. 27., taken from the seal appended to the deed for the ransom of David II., 1357, preserved in the Chapter-House, Westminster. The rude triple-coned edifice on its reverse, is conjectured by Mr. Astle to represent a mausoleum or shrine of the Patron Saint, and he cites authorities which support that opinion.

The upper seal is from impressions of a brass seal and counterseal, now in the possession of Mr. Duthie, W. S.,

English, the radicle
fód, *food*, gives the *verb* fod-an, *feed*.
blod, *blood*, gives the *verb* bled-an, *bleed*.
bród, *brood*, gives the *verb* bred-an, *breed*.
fot, *foot*, gives the *plural* fét, *feet*.
gos, *goose*, gives the *plural* ges, *geese*.
dóm, *doom*, gives the *verb* dem-an, *deem*.
The same analogy seems to have influenced the form or pronunciation of the broad dialect of Aberdeenshire, without perceptible reference to any succeeding syllable, on which the rule seems to depend in those Anglo-Saxon changes.

The Bishop, who first removed from Mortlich to the mouth of the Don, found the site of his cathedral, in the language of the aboriginal inhabitants, called Aber-Don, whether the name of the northern river was spoken as it now is, or as the Galloweyan Celts have used it, *Doon*; and the writs of the See for ages styled him *Episcopus Aberdonensis*, or *de Aberdon*. The Saxon colony which chose the coast of that province for its habitation, seized the foreign word, and *more suo* transformed the Gaelic Aberdon or Aberdoon, into the Teutonic Aberdeen. It would be a curious search to endeavour to trace the parent stock from which the brave burghers of Aberdeen, and the stout yeomen of Buchan are sprung, by this *shiboleth* which must have had its source, and may have left its traces in our German father-land.

Edinburgh, used as the common seal of the Burgh in the fifteenth century. From its workmanship, and the shape of the letters of its legends, it is probably not earlier than the beginning of that century. One circumstance might lead us to assign it a later date. As in the more ancient seal, we have in this a representation of the Patron Saint, but not as in the former, in the act of benediction. Here, Saint Nicholas is performing his famous miracle of restoring to life three young scholars, who had been killed, cut in pieces, and thrown into a pickling tub, by a cannibal Innkeeper of Myra, who designed to sell their flesh as pork. Now, Saint Nicholas was in an especial manner the patron of sailors, and it was in that capacity probably he was adopted as the protector of the trading town of Aberdeen. But he was considered also to extend his patronage to thieves, virgins, and scholars; and as the act which is here figured is that by which he came to be regarded as the tutelar saint of scholars and clerks, it might be suspected (in the absence of contrary evidence), that this seal is of a date subsequent to the foundation of the University. Its appearance and style, however, are much against this supposition; and, after all, the Saint might find objects of his care, in all his capacities, within the City, even before it became professedly a seat of learning.

Kennedy, the City Annalist, copying the zealous Aberdonians, Bailie Skene, Bishop Keith, and Hector Boece,

whose imagination required no excitement from his affection for his native city, has connected the triple castles of the city arms, with the fabulous storming of the castle with its English garrison by the brave inhabitants; in reward of which exploit, King Robert or King David granted permission to the city to change the former armorial bearings, and to assume those still used—"gules, three towers triple-towered, within a double tressure flowered and counter-flowered, argent."

This story, if it ever obtained credit, has been satisfactorily exploded as fabulous, in a recent work, which its author has modestly called "a guide to the city of Aberdeen."[1] But, in truth, however much heraldry and its facts may assist history, it must be admitted that it is a fertile source of fables for writers who feel themselves bound to find a legend for every Ordinary or Difference of coat-armour. The intelligent antiquary will not fail to recognise in the triple-coned shrine of Saint Nicholas, of the more ancient seal, the type of the triple-towered castle, that figures on a shield and within the Royal tressure of Scotland on the later one. By an easy gradation from thence, we have the three separate towers, now the armorial bearing of the city.

[1] It is to the same author that the Editor is indebted for the theory of the origin of the City arms here given. Mr. Robertson first drew attention to the subject in an Essay read to the Society of Antiquaries in 1839, which he has permitted the Editor to use. The clearing up of this point of its antiquities is one among many benefits conferred by this accomplished writer on the City of *Bon Accord*.

The seal is very curious, for its workmanship, its supporters—two leopards or lions, for these heraldic animals are not to be distinguished—and its preserving probably the earliest occurrence of the *cri de guerre* of the "Brave Town,"

**bon accord.**

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THE citie of Aberdeen is situated in the north of Scotland, upon the east cost theroff, which is washed with the German Sea; and it exceeds not onlie the rest of the touns of the north of Scotland, bot lykewayes any citie quhatsumever of that same latitude, for greatnes, bewtie, and frequencie of trading. At Aberdeen the pole is elevated 57. 10 m., and albeit the commone geographers ascryve to it a more northerlie latitude, yet it hes been observed often, by the exact observationes of the learnit mathematician, Mr. William More, citizen of Aberdeen and professor. The feilds nixt to the gaits of the citie are fruitfull of corns, such as oats, beir, quheat, etc., and abounds with pastures; bot any wher after yow pas a myll without the toune, the countrey is barran lyke, the hills craigy, the plains full of marreshes and mosses, the feilds are covered with heather or peeble stons, the corne feilds mixt with thes bot few. The air is temperat and healthfull about it: and it may be that the citizens owe the acutenes of ther witts therunto, and ther civill inclinations, the lyke not easie to be fund under so northerlie climats, damped for the most pairt with air of a grosse consistance. However, it is sure that Aberdeen is reputed (and not without just cause,) the seminarie of so many quho ather are or have been remarkable for wisdome, learning, gallantrie, breeding, and civill conversatione.

Under the name of Aberdeen two touns are comprehendit, New Aberdeen and Old Aberdeen. The first is situated upon the north bank of the river Dee, and owght rather to be called Aberdee. Some (bot poets onlie) give it the name Devan, as the oldest name. The old toune, which justlie owght to be called Aberdon, is the other, and is situated hard by the river

Done. New Aberdeen is a burgh royall (as they call them,) and hes the freedome of a citie; but Old Aberdeene, since it can not show the lyke, owght rather to be called a villedge or a Dorpe then a toune or citie.

Some affirme that the word Aberdeen being Irish, signifies in our languadge the Deans building or work; bot falslie, ffor it is a composit word, and in the old Brittish languadge signifies nothing bot the enterance wher the river Dee disambogues into the sea; Aber, in ther languadge, signifieing a rivers mouth; Dee implyes a blak river, or such blaknes as is proper to water. Hence we see the name of Dee to be commone to some other rivers in Brittane and Ireland, besyde this river. It may be that ther is too much spoken concerning the reassone of its name, yet I sie no reassone quhy any should irrationallie goe seek for its derivatione amongst the Hebrew radicall words, which a certaine pedant, quho hes added a descriptione to the mappe of Edinburgh, did not long agoe, and most ridiculouslie, deryving the name of Edinburgh from ane Hebrew radix, cheatts his reader, filling up paper with trifling grammatications, in stead of a just descriptione: wheroff I desyre the reader to take notice; for that descriptione of his is in print, and subjoynit to a mappe of Edinburgh, which I published some yeirs agoe; and all quho peruse it, take for granted that it is my work, quhilst thus I am not onlie abused, bot evne the cheefest and most floorishing citie of Scotland is exposit to be laughed at by such ane unworthie impertinent descriptione.

Non knowes who the first inhabitants of Aberdeen wer, nor quhat age it wes built in. The Roman eagles flew not that lenth: Mearnes and the Grangebeen Hills, which end at the mouth of Dee, over against Aberdeen, wes the march and boundarie of the Romane conquests. The first mention that we find of Aberdeen is in ye dayes of Gregory, King of the Scots. This King (iff Hector Boetius, the Scotish analist, say trueth,) began to reigne about ye yeer of Christ 876, who did erect Aberdeen into a burgh royall, which befor wes accompted no more then a countrey villedge. The old name wes not changed. He lykwayes gave unto the Church of Aberdeen many lands and priviledges; bot quhat church that wes, or what the priviledges and lands were, Boes hes forgotten to tell, or probablie could not tell. Thes wer afterward augmented by Williame, King of Scotland, quho began to reigne 1165. This King is said to have keept his court some tyme at Aberdeen, and to have built a pallace (such as it wes) ther, which, in his lifetyme, he gave away to the Monks of the Order of the Holy Trinitie, that it might be ther convent therafter in all tyme following. Lykewayes,

Alexander, the secund of that name, King of Scotland, who began to reigne Anno Chr. [1214], coming to Aberdeen with one of his sisters, called Issobell, who, befor his coming thither, wes bot newlie come from England, did lykwayes enlarge Aberdeen with many immunityes. David and Malcome, Kings of Scotland, are said to have done the lyke before Alexanders tyme. Whether any other of the Scotish Kings did sojourne at Aberdeen any long tyme, it is uncertaine; yit this is sure, that all the Kings of Scotland quho followed by successione, did ather ratifie the old priviledges of Aberdeen, or gave them some new ones, evne to this present tyme, so that it may be treulie said, that (Edinburgh onlie excepted) there is no citie in Scotland which enjoyes larger immunityes. Nor is ther wealth [onlie] incressed by ther treading at sea, which they have laitlie learnit, or by ther land revenews, or by ther salmond fishing; but evne the quholl market tounes, villedges and hamlets of the shyres and countrey neerest nighbouring to Aberdeine (Kintore and Inuerurie excepted,) are so far subject to thame, that without the licence of Aberdeen they dare nather tradde in merchandice ather by sea or land. Besyde ther salmond fishing, ther belongs many lands heretably to the citie, which are called ordinarlie the tounes freedome or commontie, under which name the territory of Aberdeen stretcheth it selff four mylles westward into the province or countey of Marre, in which county the citie it selff standeth. All that tract of ground wes gifted thame long since by the Kings of Scotland.

The citie of Aberdeen hes felt severall changes since it wes builded; for, first, in the yeir 1333, David Bruisse being King of Scotland at that tyme, thretty English ships, who hade been lent as ayds to Edward Balioll, came befor Aberdeen in the night tyme, and heving sett a party of souldiers armed a shore, thes did enter the toune so unexpectedlie, the citizens dreaming of no such surprise, that many of the touns men being killed, they did burne the toune. The fyre raged for sex quholl dayes therafter (a sad sight to the beholders.) Notwithstanding, the Englishes did preserve all the churches and religious houses, having sett guards to keep them from taking fyre. Therafter, the toune beginning to be repaired, wes called, for that cause, New Aberdeen.

In the lait yeires, quhilst the civill warrs did overrun all, ther wes no citie in Scotland which did suffer more hurt then Aberdeen did, nor oftener, ather cessing, quartering, plundering, burning, or slaughtering the inhabitants; for the most pairt it wes still garrisoned, and quhoever for the tyme commanded the neirest pairt of ye countrey, or was master of ye feilds, it wes

ther fashione to impose taxes upon Aberdeen, or for to cause them advance as much pay to the souldiers, or affoard free quarter to thame, as they thought fitt to requyre: and not seldome wer the inhabitants opprest and rifled by the insolent souldiers, quhilst such as commanded in cheef took transient quarters ther; whence it came to passe that the citie, which floorished in wealth and trade, wes miserablie impoverished, and the generous citizens, afflicted by daylie calamities, and unworthie roberies, did lose ther hearts in some meassur. The Marqueis of Montrose his pairty mostlie Irishes, did no small hurt to the toune in anno 1644, September the 14, having killed many of the citizens, and by plundering of the toune. Thereafter the Marqueis of Huntlie, upon a tyme, having been provocked by a party of the Aberdeens garrison (quho wer covenanters,) ther infall into his quarters in the night tyme, having followed thame clos at the heels, the very nixt morning did soddanlie beleguer the citie, and, after a few houres storming the toune, he took it by force, and made all the garrisson prissoners, except such as wer killed in the storme. The citie thus attayned, after ane hours licence to his souldiers to plunder it, he causit sound a retreat to thame all, and quensh the fire which had been cast into the toune: in which actione not one tounes man wes killed, and the most pairt hade all ther goods and houses preserved saffe and intire. Yit nather did the blood shed therein by Montrose, nor a few houses burnt or rifled therin by Huntlyes souldiers, so much harme the citie, as twentie and three yeires continuall sufferings, whereby it hes been oppressed: for quhat thes two did is a light matter compared with all that.

In former tymes, K. Robert Bruice made Aberdeen famous, by gayning his first victory over the Englishes, not far from thence, after his coming home from England, Anno Ch: [1306]. In the last age, viz. in the year 1571, Adame Gordone of Auchindoune, brother to the Erle of Huntly, did heir obtaine a victorie over the Lord Forbes and his followers; nor did Auchindoune compell any tounes-[man] that day to be assisting to his party: Wherin George Buchanan hes notoriously belyed this Auchindoune, out of that malice which (in favors of the Erle of Murray,) he did beare to the Erle of Huntlie. In the way which goes from Aberdeen towards the Bridge of Dee, ther is ane inconsiderable stone standing up by the way syde, called the Crabe stone, from whence that fight tooke its name. Lykways, in the year 1644 above mentioned, that same stone wes watered againe with the blood of the covenanters and citizens lykways, they having then beine compellit by ther garrisons to take armes and joyne with them against Mon-

trose, quho wes marching straight for the toune; that by this ther obedience, or by ther blood, the Aberdeens men might attone the wrath of the Covenanters, against quhome voluntarlie they had taken up armes, Anno 1639, under the command of James Erle of Aboyne, Huntlyes second sonne, and, in litle more then four days space, had two severall tymes stood in armes against the Covenanters, first at Stoneheaven, thereafter at the Bridge of Dee; in both which conflicts they were worsted, together with ther generall, Aboyne. For Montrose, then generall of the Covenanter pairty, first having compellit Aboyne to retire from Stonehyve, did imediatlie therafter gaine the passe of the Bridge of Dee by force, so that, for feare, many of the inhabitants at that tyme wer glade to leave the toune open to Montrose discretione, ther being none able to keepe him out any longer.

Lykewayes, long before that tyme, the Aberdeens mens gallantrie wes remarkable at the bloody fight of Harlaw, which fell out Anno Ch: [1411] Alexander Stewart, Erle of Marre, being generall, wher ther gallantrie was secunded with better successe then it wes in our tymes; for in that fight ther curragious Provost, Robert Davisone, wes killed, and the Aberdeins men, quho wer partakers of the victorie, returnit home triumphantlie, with ther cullores displayed. That verie ensigne which they hade at Harlaw wes to be seen in our tyme, and not losed till ther unhappie encounter with Montrose, Anno 1644.

Aberdein lykewayes hes proved a nurcerie and seminary to many learnit or warlyke, of quhome not a few hade ther birth or ther extractione ther. Of which number the most remarkable are Doctor Williame Forbes, sometyme Bishope of Edinburgh, borne at Aberdeen, and minister ther; Doctor Robert Barrone, Professor of Divinitie lately in Aberdein; Doctor Johne Forbes of Corse, Professor of Theologie; Doctor William Leslie, the most learnit primar of the Kings Colledge; Doctor Alexander Scrogy, preacher, of Old Aberdeen; Doctor James Sybbald, minister, first at Aberdeen, then at Dubline; Doctor Robert Howie, Professor of Divinity not long since in the Theologie Colledge of St. Androws; Doctor Alexander Ros, borne at Aberdeen, a divyne, a poet, and historian, quho lived and died laitlie in England.

Learned juris-consults:—Sir Johne Skeen, some tyme Clerk Register of the Kingdome of Scotland; Mr. Thomas Nicolson, a learnit jurisconsult; Mr. Williame Andersone, jurisconsult and mathematician and philosopher; Mr. James Robertsone, laitlie Doctor of the Lawes in Burdeaux and publict professor; Alexander Irwing of Lenturk, a learnit jurisconsult; Mr. James Forbes of Corsindae, Doctor of the Lawes, living at this tyme in France; Mr.

Robert Burnet of Crimond, Lord of the Sessione, a gentleman learnit in law, divinitie, and history. Next, for humanists, philosophes, mathematicians, or historians:—Johne Leslie, in the former tymes Bischope of Ros, quho wrott the hystorie of Scotland; Mr. David Wedderburne, the learnit grammarian and humanist; Mr. Thomas Reid, secretary for the Latine tongue to K. James the 6.; Mr. Gilbert Gray, principall of the Marishall colledge, and professor of philosophie ther: Mr. Patrik Gray, mathematician; D. Williame Gray, Doctor of Medicine, and not long agoe professor of philosophie in the colledge of Orang, in France; Mr. Johne Johnstone, professor of divinity in St. Androws, and a poet; and the most learnit mathematician, Mr. Alexander Andersone, borne at Aberdeen; Robert Gordone of Straloch, mathematician, and poet and geographer. Next, for mediciners:—Doctor Duncan Liddell, borne at Aberdeine, a most learnit mathematician, theologue and philosoph; Doctor James Cargill, borne at Aberdeen; Doctor Gilbert Jack, not long agoe professor of philosophie in the University of Leyden, in Holland, borne in Aberdeen; Doctor Arthur Johnstoune, mediciner in ordiner to two Kings, James and Charles, and the most renouned Latine poet of his nation in our dayes; Doctor Williame Johnstoune, laitlie professor of the Mathematick in the Marichall colledge of New Aberdeen; Doctor Williame Gordone, laitlie professor of medicine in the Kings Colledge of Old Aberdeen; Patrik and Robert Dunnes, both Aberdeins men borne; Doctor Alexander Reid, laitlie professor of chirurgerie in Londone; Mr. Thomas Burnet, quho lived in England laitlie; Doctor Williame Davisone, presentlie mediciner to the King of Polland.

For land souldiers, Ker, Urrie, Chalmer, and Johnstoune, and ther tounsman, Sir John Straquhane, knighted by King Charles the First for his notable service done at sea in the lait warres, who yit liveth; all thes borne at Aberdeen. I shall take licence to subjoyne to thes, two uthers borne ther: The first was David Andersone, the most skilful mechanick that lived in Scotland in his tyme, and George Jamesone, one of King Charles the Firsts paynters, quho wes the first man quho made the excellencie of the airt of painting knowne in the north of Scotland.

Ther are in Aberdeen also some remarkable families and surnames proper to the citie, quho for many descents doe retayne ther predicessors surnames, titles and armes, and oftentymes doe againe attayne to the offices and honors which ther predicessors bare. The most eminent amongst thes are the Chambers, Menziess, Cullens, Collinsons, Lawsons, Grayes, Ruther-

foords, and Leslies. Bot since the citie hes growne in greatness, by frequent and prosperous trading at sea, many other surnames have been endenized citizens, quho are cadets of gentlemens houses, who, since they became burgeses, have left ther posteritie in a wealthy conditione.

Aberdeen, when first founded, seems to have been situated at the brink of the firth of Dee, in the low ground, and not to have taken up all that suburbe which is now called the Green; which may be proved by the convent of the Trinitie friers, and is said to have been the pallace of King Williame. Situated it is upon the verie edge of the water, and not farre thence, the ruins of the old tolbooth is to be seen at the posterne gate of the Laird of Pitfoddells hous opening towards the shore. In progress of tyme, it seems that the citizens, by little and little, did fill the small hills adjoyning with the buildings. In our age, the most considerable pairt of the citie standeth upon them. Thes are thrie in number. The most northerlie and the highest of the thrie is the Gallowgate-hill, most ordinerlie callit the Windmilne-hill, becaus of the wind milne situated upon the tope theroff. The next is called the Castell-hill, from the castell which stood sometymes upon a pairt of it. The third is called St. Katharins-hill, from a chappell bearing that name of old standing upon the top of it. The citie itselff is situated betuixt thes thrie, or at least the best pairt of it; the swelling of thes hills hardlie to be decerned by such as walk along the streets, yit theyr hight is verie apparent to such as dwell in the suburbs, or to such as are without the toune. It is easie to conjecture that the closses, lanes, and streets, have not been at the first building chaulked out or designed by any geometricall rule. The buildings of the toune are of stone and lyme, rigged above, covered with slaits, mostlie of thrie or four stories hight, some of them higher. The streets are all neatlie paved with flint stone, or a gray kinde of hard stone not unlike to flint. The dwelling houses are cleanlie and bewtifull and neat, both within and without, and the syde that looks to the street mostlie adorned with galleries of timber, which they call forestaires. Many houses have ther gardings and orcheyards adjoyning; every garding hes its posterne, and thes are planted with all sorts of trees which the climat will suffer to grow; so that the quholl toune, to such as draw neer it upon some syds of it, looks as if it stood in a garding or litle wood. The unevne ground that the toune is situated upon makes it quyt incapable of walls or ditches or bastions, according to the moderne invention of fortificatione; yit during the tyme of the civill warre, twyce, bot in vayne, it wes attempted to be fortified, or rather intrenshed about. At both tymes, scarce wer the works perfytted,

when they wer throwne doune againe by the command of such as for the tyme seized the toune.

Upon the west syde of the toune, at a small distance, ther is a litle green swelling hill to be seen, corruptlie called the Woman-hill, bot more properlie the Woollman-hill, because it is affirmed that in old tymes the sellers of wooll quho came from the neirest parts about the toune took ther stand ther upon mercat dayes. Under the verie hill ther runs a spring of water, and another veyne of the same water in the midst of the channel of a litle brook, running closse under the foot of that hill; yit it is easilie distinguished, both by its taste and colour, from the waters of the brook. This spring is knowne by the name of the wall of Spaa, borrowed from, or so called, I suppose, becaus it resembles in its taste and vertues the waters of Spaa in the bishoprick of Leige or Linchland, which is distant some 8 mylles from the citie of Tungres. Yet in some things they differ; for Spaa in Aberdeen is actuallie cold, but that of Tungres is hott when it is touched. In other things (iff Plinius may be beleived, quho descryves the waters of Liedge, lib. 31, cap. 2,) it seems they differ not much. His words are as followeth:—the citie of the Tungrieans hes a wall wher many bubles doe distill, tasted lyke the ore of iron, which is not perceaved till the end of the draught one leave to drink. This water purgeth the body, cureth tertiane fevers, and the stone in the bladder.—Doctor Williame Barclay, an Aberdeins mediciner in our age, did wreat a tractat concerning the natur of the wall of Spaa besyde Aberdeen; such as wold know more thereoff may peruse that treatise extant in print. Next to the well of Spaa, hard by it, ther is a four squair feild, which of old served for a theater, since made a gardyne for pleasur by the industrie and expense of George Jameson, ane ingenious paynter, quho did sett up therin ane timber hous paynted all over with his owne hand.

The street which is called the Gallowgaite, is hemmed in upon the west by a large fenny marrish, commonlie called the Loch, a fenne or pudle rather. Ther comes a brook unto the marish, which bruik is keept in by dammes and bulwarkes. This brook encompasseth the loch, and drensheth it: Nor knew the citizens of old any easier or better way for to bring in that water to the citie, which serveth three milns and the posterns neerest to it. The reassone is not knowne why the street neerest to it is called the Gallowgaite, except it wer perchance for the neighbourhood of some geibet, being since removed thence, or probablie because thieves might be led through that street to ther executione, albeit at this tyme such use to goe out at the port, which for that cause is called the Justice or Thiefs Porte.

Neerest to the Gallowgate Street is the Broadgait, or rather Broad Street, which took its name of old from its great breidth, whereas at that tyme it and the parallel lane made up bot one street, albeit now the interjected row of building makes them two distinct streets. Bot the reassone quhye the gestraw aither (by ane ambiguous Scotish word) hes been called after strangers lodging ther, or after spirits, can not be easilie conjectured. The Gray freer church is most remarkable in the Broad Street, which pairteth the Colledge Marshall from the street. This church is builded of assler or squair hewed stone. It wes accomplished about the yeer 1500, at the charges of B. Gavine Dunbar, bishope of Aberdeen at that tyme, and by him gifted to the convent of the Gray friers hard by. It wes hardlie preserved from being rasit to the ground in the yeer 1560; and had not been that the Gray friers, upon the twentie thrie of Januarie that yeir, did resigne ther church, ther convent, and all the precinct, by a publict instrument, into the hands of the tounsmen, gifting all to them, undoubtedlie it hade undergone the destructione which so many brave churches and religious houses fell under at that tyme; bot the citizens hindered its ruine, and afterwarde, by ane act of counsell, ordaynt that the church and all, should be keept up and enteir upon the publict charges. It stood waist for many yeirs after that, and unrepaired. The citizens began to reedifie it, Anno 1634, and hade farre advancit the worke, Doctor Williame Guild, late minister of Aberdein, contributing thereto, by causing glase all its great windows, which are many in number; bot, in the yeirs following, when all things wer shaken loose, the soulders made use of it almost continuallie for a court de guarde. In the yeer 1593, Septris the fourt, the tounsmen, by a publict deed, gave away the building of the convent itselff to the richt honorable George, erle Marishall of Scotland; bot upon conditione that he would erect a philosophie colledge ther. Nor did Marishall declyne to doe so, for that same very yeir he foundit ane academie ther, whoes priviledges he procured to be ratified by the most illustrious Prince James the 6th his letters patents for that effect. Lykwayes, for yeirlie payment of the professors theroff, he gifted unto it the revenues of the convents of the Blacke freirs and Carmelite freirs of Aberdeen, which at that tyme wer his, and also supplied that with some of his own meins, for making up a competent liveliehood to thame. Since it wes founded, the yeirly revenue of that colledge is not a little increscit by the liberall mortifications of severall gentlemen, schollars, or citizens of Aberdeen, off quhome the cheefest are Sir Alexander Irwing of Drum, Anno 1630; Sir Thomas Cromby of Kemney,

borne in Aberdeen; Docter James Cargill; Mr. Johne Johnstoune, divinitie professor in St. Androws; Docter Duncan Liddell; Docter Alexander Reid; Docter Williame Guild; Dr. Alexander Rosse; Mr. Patrick Coupland; David Chamberline. Mr. Thomas Reid gave them ane compleit bibliotheck, and mortified ane yeirlie stipend to ane quho should be the bibliothecar or keeper theroff. Since which time ther library is much improved by the additione of many volumes gifted by others, and adorned with many mathematical instruments.

Doctor Robert Howey wes first principall heer; then Doctor Williame Forbes; after him Mr. Gilbert Gray, to quhome succeeded Doctor Patrick Dun; and finalie, Mr. Williame Moir, professor of the mathematicks ther. Also heir did the most learnit Doctor Robert Barrone professe divinitie. Heer lykewayes did Doctor Williame Johnstoune professe mathematick. First when it wes foundit, it hade no dependence upon the University of Aberdeene, and wes litle more then a philosophie school, till the illustrious Prince Charles the First, in the yeer 1641, licenced it to be made a member of the Universitie, and causit bothe to be called after his owne name, King Charles's University. This colledge, which at first the Earle Marshall, after his awne name, called the Marshall Colledge, besyde the library keeper, hes bot sevne masters and professors, the professor of divinity, the professor of mathematick, three readers of philosophie, of quhom one is to be the Principall, a readder of the Greek languadge, and a professor of humanity.

After the Broadgait Street followes the street called the Castelgaite, the passage betuixt thame being a short narrow lane called the Huckster Wynde. The Castellgaite Street is a squair about 100 walking passes in breadth and twyce as much in lenthe; nor can Scotland show such ane other. It is the mercat place, and gives roome abundantlie to the weeklie mercat, which is made up by the confluence of the country people dwelling neer about the toune. The touns hous or tolbuith taketh up ane corner of the street; builded it wes anno 1191, and not long since enlarged and adorned with a towre and high spire covered with lead, wher they have ther commone bell and prissone. The tolbuith serveth for a publict meeting place of the citizens and of the gentlemen of the shyre. The citizens keep ther publict records therin. It is lykwayes ther counsell hous; and in severall rooms theroff, the high shirreff or his deputs and the citie magistrats doe administer justice daylie. In it lyke wayes are prissons for severall sorts of delinquents. This tolbuithe is famous for Marie Queen of Scotland her presence, quho after Huntlie was brock at Currichie, did from a window theroff behold the

beheading of Johne Gordone of Findlater, (son to the Erle of Huntlie killit upon the feild bot 2 days befor or therby,) not without tears; the Erle of Murray, her naturall brother, having ordered this executione of his prissoner against her will, quho durst not controll it at that tyme. The most remarkable amongst the rest of the buildings of this street are the houses of the Earle Marishall and Laird of Pitfoddells over against the tolbuithe. In this street stand lykewayes the two mercat croces. The high croce befor the tolbooth, called also the flesh croce, by reassone of the shambles and flesh mercat besyde it; lykewayes it serves for publict proclamations heir intimated; lykewayes it is at this crosse that the citizens doe performe all ther solemnities upon ther festivall dayes. The other lesser crosse is callit the fish crosse, at which ther is a daylie fish mercat keept. Upon the north syde of the Castellgate ther is to be seen amongst the gardings a certaine obscure and scarcelie now decernible ruine or fundatione of a small building, overgrowne with briers and thorns, which sumtyme belongit to the Friers or Reed Freers Templars. No farther accompt can be givne theroff; for at this tyme the very ruines are almost ruinated. The way lyeth to the Castellhill through ather of two ports or gates. It is sandie soyle, the toppe of it flatt, not much higher then the street. The syde of it neerest the shore verie steepe, as all the gairdings of the street are which overlook the haven. Ther is another litle hill almost one with the Castellhill, called the Heading Hill, because that in the narrow lane that pairteth thes two hills, murtherers are sumtymes beheaded, or at least have been. Both thes hills at a distance seeme to be bot one hill. The Kings of Scotland built a castell upon the Castellhill; to quhat purpose it is not easie to conjectur, being that ther is no water to be found about, tho never so deepe digged; which the Englishes laitlie fand to be true. That castell, after it hade stood ther for sumtyme, wes taken by the tounsmen; the Englishes, who held a garrisone ther, ather killit or chassit away; and least at any tyme therafter it should prove a yock upon the tounsmens necks, they rased it to the ground, and in place thereoff builded a chappell, which they dedicated (according to the fashione of the tymes) to St. Niniane; hoping by that meins that the hill being converted to a holy use, it wold be unlaufull for any to attempt to imploy it againe to a profayne use any more. The chappell remayneth as yit vode: upon the end of which that looketh to the sea, and neerest the shore, ther wes of old a beacone, which by night might direct saillers into the harbory. That night beacon is extinguished and neglected long agoe. In the yeer 1654, St. Niniane could not keep his chappell and his hill from being enclosed with a sconce

built with lyme and stone to a great hight by the Englishes, once more masters theroff. Yet that worke stood not fullie 5 yeers after it wes perfytted, untill by the commandement of the most illustrious George Duke of Albemarle, in the end of the yeer 1659, it was slighted, and the tounes garrisone removed, to the great joy and ease off all the citizens.

Ther is a Lane that leadeth from the Castellgate Street to the key or wharfe, called the Exchequer Rue, becaus that long agoe the Kings exchequer did sit ther, tho many yeirs agoe since removed to Edinburgh. It may be that some old silver peices of monie (laitlie extant) coyned at Aberdeen, with this inscriptione upon one of the syds, VRBS ABERDEE, may be some proof of this; however, at this time, that verie name of the lane is almost worne out of fashione, and pairtlie forgotten.

Ther are two other streets, which through two gates goe downward from the Broad Street to the great church. The one of them is called the Upper Kirk gate or street, the other the Nether Kirk gate or street. The church, called of old St. Nicholas Church, is mostlie builded of ashler, covered with lead; the steeple lykewayes obeliskwayes, rysing up verie high, covered over also with lead, doeth abundantlie supplie the low situation of the church itselff. Ther is no church so neat and bewtifull to be seen in Scotland; and albeit it be past 500 yeirs since it begane to be builded, yit all thinges about it look so fyne and sound, that it seems to be bot newlie builded. Off old it was divydit into thrie distinct churches, the greatest called the Old Kirk, the secund the New Kirk, the third, a vaulted church, called for that cause, both then and now, the Lady of Pittye her Vault. It supporteth the east end of the New Church, the floor theroff, levelled out of the slopping churchyard, makes the doore threshold no lower than the churchyard itselfe, neither doth the arched roofe thereoff raise that pairt of the New Church floor bot 3 steps or greeses higher then the rest of the floor, and thes so artificiallie contryved, that they tend to the greater bewtifieing of the church above. Bothe churches above are supported with two rowes of stone pillars, having large rooms behind the pillars. Ther roofs are seild with wainscot. The Old Church began to be builded by the citizens about the yeir 1060, the fabrick augmented by litle and litle, and enriched with gifts dedicated therunto. Ther hangs in its steeple thrie great bells; thes at everie half hour by helpe of the clocke repeat thrie perfect distinct musicall notes, *fa, sol, la.* Two of thes bells, as also the great clock, wer gifted to that church by Williame Leith of Barns, provost of Aberdeen about the yeer 1313. The cheefest citizens have ther proper buriall places in thes churches,

as some noble and gentle men have thers also, as the Lords of Forbes, first of that name, the Knights of Drum, Irwings, and the familie off Pitfoddells, Menzies's. Lykewayes, that learnit man, Doctor Duncan Liddell lyes buried in the Old Church; his tombe stone, covered with brasse, with ane inscriptione suteable to his worth engraved therupon. The New Church was not begun to be builded till the yeer 1478, and not finished befor the yeer 1493, upon the cities charges, as the Old Kirk at first was. In the yeer 1560, it went neer to have been overthrowne, hade not the citizens taken arms and gwarded it, and withstood the attempt of the congregatione lords. In our tyme, the vaulted or Low church serves for no other use bot for laying up lead and uther materialls necessarie for keeping up the fabrick of the church. At that tyme that the Pope his power was banished out of Aberdein, the utensils of both churches wer valued and told by publict proclamatione, and raited at 142 pundis Scotis money; and Patrick Menzies, then the citie thesaurer, made countable for them, or that rate and pryce for them, albeit some of the tounsmen did protest publictlie that such money should not be brought into the commone good, and took instrument therupon. Yit afterward, the next yeer, Maij 8, they fell upon a new resolution, for to imploy that money upon publict works, and for armes and ammunition. In the tyme of poperie ther wer no lesse then thretty alters and alterages, to everie of which belonged sett revenues, all to be seen in thes thrie churches, each of them dedicated to a severall Sanct, (as thes of the Roman Church use.) Bot I suppose it wold be tedious to all, and offensive to many, to sett doune ther severall names, since the least mark or footstep of any of thes alters is not extant at this tyme. Both churches, which now are parted by a wall, are adorned with galleries, pewes, and dasks of wainscot, both bewtifull and commodious, and severalls of thame guilded. The quholl fabrick is encompassed with a large church court, planted about with great ash trees.

Upon the wall of the churchyard standeth the musick schooll; and hard by is the grammar schooll. The masters stipends are yeerlie paid out of the commone good. D. Patrik Dun, lait principall of the Marishall Colledge, did mortifie the villedge and lands of Ferrihill to the grammar schooll, that by the yeerlie revenue theroff four under masters (Doctors they call them) might be yeerlie enterteened.

Next to the Grammar Schooll stood the Convent of the Blackfreirs. Its circuit in all took up all that parcell of ground that lyeth betuixt the Grammar Schooll and the Woolmanhill, evne to the edge of the loch; and it is to be seen enclosed as yit with ane high wall of stone and lyme, bot now much de-

faced and broken downe in severall places. That Convent of the Dominicans, together with ther church, was so industriouslie razed, Januarij 4, 1560, that now ther is nothing of that building to be seen. True it is that some privat citizens have raised up goodlie houses out of its robberies.

Hard by the east end of the New Church is situated the Beidhouse or touns hospitall, pairted from the church by a small lane interjected betuixt thame. The use of that hospitall is for mantainance of a certaine number of burgess, or guild bretheren as they call them, quho become depauperat. Off old ther stood a chappell ther, dedicated to Sainct Thomas. Next to it eastward, stands another hospitall, which the dyers societie of Aberdein have very laitlie erected for the use of ther societie. St. Katharins hill is compassed about with buildings, gairdings, and a street, not to be seen within the toune, for the houses within the gates overtop it or equall its hight. Yit it overlooks all the suburbe called the Green, and to such as stand upon the top of it, gives a full prospect of St. Nicholas Church, the firth and river of Dee, the villedge of Torrie, pairt of the sea cost, and of the neirest hills and corne feilds which ly westward off the citie. It took its name long since from a chappell which stood upon the top of it, which was dedicated to St. Katherine, builded by the then constable of Aberdeen, anno 1242. The founders name is forgotten, and the chappell itselff long agoe rased to the grund.

The bruike called the Den Burne runs beneth the west syde of the citie; upon the brink quhairoff [near] a litle stone bridge, at that pairt wher the brooke entereth the river Dee, the Carmelites of old had a convent, whoes church and quholl precinct of building wer levelled with the ground, that very day that the rest of the churches and convents of New Aberdeen wer destroyed. Ther remayneth theroff now onlie ane killne, which standeth in the outmost south corner of the citie, known this day by the name of the Freer Killne.

The Trinitie Church standeth upon the water syde. Besyde it, is the Tradsmen of Aberdeens Hospitall. First, it was King Williames dwelling place, and it wes a convent to the Trinitie Freers, quho were drivne from thence long agoe. The societies of the tradsmen of Aberdeen began to repair the ruinous church and buildings theroff, anno 1630, at their expenses; towards which Doctor Williame Guild did contribute a considerable sowme, and severallie mortified ane liveliehood to ane quho should be a constant catechist at that churche.

After you have gone eastward a litle thorrough a street, the quay or

wharfe is next to be seen. Builded it wes anno 1526, Gilbert Menzies of Findone being provost. It was enlarged and repaired afterwards. In the yeir 1562, Patrik Menzies, then thesaurer, with the citizens consent, did bestow upon that work the price of the utensils of St. Nicholas Church. Anno 1634, the citizens causit build a weghhous or packhous upon the keyhead, which serves lykewayes for a custome hous. From thence the key runs downwards towards the villedge of Futtie no fewer then 500 walking passes, and it joyns with Futtie; a work of many yeires, oft tymes broken off. It is facit upon every syd with dry stone, and filled up in the midle with sande. It was finished at last in the yeir 1659 with much labour, by meins quhairoff it hes come to passe that a large quantitie of ground, which before was daylie at every tyde [overflowed,] and wes a pairt of the firth, the sea being now keept quyt off, is become a fertile corne feild.

At the end of the new key or peer standeth the villedge of Futtie, and runs doune about 400 walking passes upon the syde of the firth till it meet with the river Dee itselff. It is inhabited by fishermen and mariners for the most pairt. Befor it ships doe ly, and lykewayes heir is a docke for building or repairing of ships. It is a paroshen by it selff, and hes its owne parosh church, builded upon the expenses of the citizens of Aberdeen, anno 1598, then called St. Clements Chappell. The churchyard not long since wes builded and enclosit with a goodlie wall of lyme and stone by a citizen of Aberdeen.

Beyond Futty lyes the fisher boat heavne; and after that, towards the promontorie called the Sandenesse, ther is to be seen a grosse bulk of a building vaulted and fflatted above, (the Block-hous they call it,) begun to be builded anno 1513, for guarding the entrie of the harborie from pirats and algarads; and cannon wer planted ther for that purpose; or at least that from thence the motions of pirats might be tymouslie foreseen. This rough peece of work wes finished anno 1542; in which yer lykewayes the mouthe of the river Dee wes locked with cheans of irone and masts of ships crossing the river, not to be opened bot at the citizens pleasur. Over against the Block-house, upon the other syde of the river Dee, ther wes lykewayes a litle watch-tower builded upon the high ground, and a bell hangd up therin (the ruins of this bellhous yit to be seen). It wes appoynted that a centinell should be sett ther at all tymes, who should ring the bell upon the discoverie of any ship approaching; bot this divyce is layde by, long since as useles, and the Block-hous itselff not made use off bot in the tyme of great alarms, and when forrayne incursions are feared, at quhich tymes commanded pair-

ties of the citizens keepe guarde ther by turnes. Upon the south syde of the water mouth of Dee ther is a promontory called the Girdlenesse, which extendeth itselff eastward by the lenthe of a Scottish myll into the sea called the German Sea. This is the eastmost poynt of the Grangebeen Hills, which from thence run towards Glasgow, and divyde Scotland in two pairts with ther great and vast wyndings and turnings of many hills, woods, rocks, and deserts.

The entrie into the harbory is somequhat dangerous by reassone of a sand bed, comonelie called the Barre, that croces the mouth of the harbory into the sea; nor dare any ventur but expert pillots quho can guyde the way, and have the help of the wind and tyde. Once entered, the harborie will conteene many and great ships. Men of warre and merchand ships of greatest syze and burthen ly at Torrie in the verie channell of the river Dee. Lesser vessells goe up to Futtie, or by help of the tyde at high water goe up to the citie, and ly closse all along the peer, wher they ather unloade ther goods or take in ther fraught. The river mouth, utherwayes narrow enewgh, is yit more contracted by a bulwark or peer made up ther of dry stone and great timber. Within the harborie at high water it looks lyke a great firth, bot at low water it is dry all over. Ther are some inshes within the harborie, of small worth, not overflowed by the tyde, upon which stand some corfe houses or lodgings belonging to the salmond fishers, for laying up ther salmond. The salmond are taken all along the river over against the citie, ordinerlie in great abundance at a low water. Thes are accounted in France (wher they are mostlie sold) the best in Scotland; and for the salmond the citizens yeirlie draw a considerable soume of money. As for the most pairt of the fyrth, it is not to be crossit to and againe bot by quherries, cock boats, or fisher boats.

Vpon the east syd of the citie and of Futtie ther lyes many fair feilds, fruitfull of corns, quheat, bear, oats, pease, and pot hearbs and roots. Thes are marched by the feilds near the sea syde called the Lynks. The most remarkable amongst thes is the fair plaine called the Queens Links, the reassone of the name unknown. The Lynks extend themselves almost betuixt the two rivers of Done and Dee. Heer the inhabitants recreat themselves with severall kynds of exercises, such as foot ball, goffe, bowlling, and archerie. Heer lykewayes they walk for ther health. Nixt to thes is the sea shore, plaine and sandie, wher at low water ther is bounds for horse races no less then two mylls of lenthe.

Such as goe out at the Gallowgaite Port toward Old Aberdeen, halff way

almost, may see the place wher of old stood the lepers hospitall, called the Seick Hous, hard by the waye syd, to which ther was a chappell adjoyned, dedicated to St. Anna, quhome the papists account patronesse of the leapers. The citizens licencit one Mr. Alexander Gallaway, then person of Kinkell, for to build that chappell anno 1519. Now both thes buildings are gone, and scarcelie is the name knowne to many.

Two mylls from Aberdeene, towards the south-west, standeth the Bridge of Dee. It hes 8 pyks and 7 arches, all buildit of ashler stone, the greatest and brawest bridge now to be seen in Scotland, built at first at the cost of Williame Elphingstoune, bishope of Aberdeen, about the yeer 1518. After his death, his exequitor, Bishope Gavine Dunbar, oversaw the worke, the bridge being finished anno 1527. Gavine Dunbar did mortifie the lands of the villedge of Ardlaw to the citie of Aberdeen for upholding the bridge. Neere to the bridge stood of old lykewayes a chappell dedicated to Mary as tutelar to this bridge; bot her chappell is long since taken away, yit the bridge is yit standing extant.

The government of this citie, by the lettres patents of the Kings of Scotland, is to be by a provost chosine out amongst the citizens, to quhome are conjoyned four baillies, a thesaurer, and deane of gyld, and a certaine number of the citizens, quho make up the touns counsell. Such as beare thes offices for the tyme have onlie the power to choose the new ones quho are to succeed thame. Thus all the worthiest citizens have hope and encurragement in ther course for to attayne unto the most honorable preferrements. And befor now, sundrie well borne gentlemen have been provosts of Aberdeen, amongst quhome the Lairds of Pitfoddells often and with great applause; and ther [are] not a few of the best of the citizens quho are joynt with that familie by consanguinity and affinitie, and esteemed it ane honor to be so. Nay, and in the yeer 1545, George Gordone, Erle of Huntlie, the most powerfull of any in the north of Scotland, sought to be provost, and wes chosen, not without protestatione against his electione by many, as ane incroachment upon ther liberties; which moved him presentlie to resigne it againe in favor of Thomas Menzies of Pitfoddells. The familie of Huntlie lykewayes, in the yeer 1462, did enter into a league offensive and defensive, with the toune of Aberdeen, to last for ten yeirs.

Many of the citizens trade in merchandize. The commodityes and staple wair which they carie out are for the most pairt, salmond, course woolling cloath callit playding, linning cloath, stockines, skins, and hyds, and all that the countrey yeilds. Thes they vent in Norroway, Swethland, Den-

mark, Pole, Germany, Holland, Flanders, France, Spayne, and England; for they trade in all thes countreys, and bring home forreyne commodityes thence. Lykewayes, the cities of Aberdeen (and Air) have this speciall priviledge alone amongst all the touns of Scotland, that no tradsman or artisan can be burges, or exercise forrayne tred; which hes been often the occasione of great stryff betuixt the burgeses and tradsmen, and sometymes hes come to bloodshed; the tradsmen seeking in vaine for to be made partakers of that priviledge, and to be endenized, and the burgeses obstinatlie manteening ther old priviledge and richt.

The armes of the citie are ane escutcheone or a feild gules charged with thrie castells argent, enclosit with a double tressor counter flowred with flower de luces argent, supported with twa leopards tauny, the moto Bonaccord, a French word signifieing concord amongst the citizens. Thes armes wer granted to Aberdeen by David Bruce, King of Scotland, after that they hade regained the Castell from the Englishes, which they hade constantlie keept garrisoned from the tyme of Edward Longshanks, quho is said to have builded it, or repaired it rather. Ther leader in this atchievement wes one Kennedy of Kearmuick; for which service his posteritie wer honored with the title and dignity of Constables of Aberdeen; though that title and dignity be now prescryved.

I have subjoyned the prospect of Aberdeen to the mappe theroff; the lyke quhairoff I did at such tyme as I had occasione to descryve Edinburgh, adding two litle prospects to its mappe: quhairoff I thought it necessar also to admonish the reader; for the cutter of that draught hes both abusit the buyer and me; for having enlargit the two prospects of Edinburgh, thereby to make the draughts sell the deirer, he hes falsified both the prospects by that meins, so that nather of thame looks lyke the copyes, and, which is worse, not lyke to the two syds of the citie of Edinburgh, being misshapped according to his owne fancies.

# OLD ABERDEENE, OR ABERDONE,

IS ane English or Italiane myll distant from New Aberdeen, towards the northe. The distance betuixt the twa corses of the two touns is reckoned justlie a large Scotish myll. Old Aberdeen is enclosed with little hills, pleasant corne feilds, very fruitfull, and with pastures mixed amongst the plowghed feilds. It hes no freedome of a burgh royall, being at best bot a burgh of barronie; scarce can a pedler sett up a schope ther without the licence of New Aberdeene. It may rather be called a countrey villedge or market toune then a citie. It is said to have been first builded by King Ewen 2nd of that name, King of the Scots, anno [mundi, 3894] bot without any good prooff. That which gave it any ryse at first, seemes to have been the removall of the bischops sea from Mortlich (wher ther is yet a parosh church, within a myll of Balveny Castell) to this place. The letters patents of King David, or the copyes theroff, are yit to be seen, by which he giveth the villedge of Old Aberdeen to the bischope of Aberdeene. Alexander the first of that name, King of Scotland, anno 1122, did actually remove the bischops sea hither. The building of the colledge gave a second ocasione to its growthe. The river Done toucheth upon the northmost pairt of Old Aberdeene. It is lykewayes weell knowne for its salmond ther taken in abundance. In Done lykewayes are found pearle, which are esteemed both for colour, shape, and quantitie. They are found in a kinde of shell fish called the horse muskle. Old Aberdeen takes its name from the river Done.

Above the wynding turne of the river Done standeth the great church called Macher Church. It wes once Cathedrall, now onlie ther parish church. It is builded of ashler stone, very great and high and statelie. It began to be builded at first by Henrie Cheyne, bischope of Aberdeen, anno 1320. The work was delayed by his banishment, the cause quhairoff wes that he hade joyned in the rebellione with his uncle, John Cuming, Erle of Buchan. Alexander Kininmont, 3d bischope of Aberdeene, promovit the building anno 1333; which yeer the Englishes having turned in to Aberdeen, did lykewayes miserablie plunder this bischope and his channons. Afterwards, Henrie Lichtoune, bischope of Aberdeen, raisit the walls to ther just hicht,

and builded the two stone steeples or spires that are yit to be seen upon the west pairt of the church. Anno 1440, Bischope Ingrahame Lyndsay, his successor, did set one the rooff upon the church, and causit pave the floore of the church. Laitlie, Bischope Williame Elphingstoune builded the great steeple or tour thereoff, and did put into that steeple as many bells as weighed 12,000 pund weght, and covered both church and steeple with leade. Bischope Gavine Dumbarre, quho wes bischope immediatlie after B. Elphingstoune, builded the southe ile of the church of ashler also. This church hes two row off stone pillars, a crosse church, and thrie steeples; the greatest is supported in the midle of the church by four great pillars, which are arched above. Nor wes the furnitur of the church les costlie then the church itselff, having crucifixes, chaleses, and uther utensils, all made of silver, some of thame of pure gold, set with many great and costlie precious stones. The weght of all this wes verie great; and then for the apperrell usit by the popish bischops and churchmen, they wer all ather of silk or velvett, or broydered with gold or silver, and thes lykewayes in great varietie, It will hardlie be believed what the weght of the plaite amounted to, wer it not that ane old M. S. yit extant, which conteens the particular accompt of all that belongit to that church, putts it out of all doubt. To this church lykewayes belonged a bibliotheck; bot about the yeer 1560 all wes taken away, or destroyed, or embaseled; the bibliothec then burned, and no book spared, wher any reid letter wes to be seene. The spire of the great steeple wes then uncovered, as the church was, and not many yeers afterwards, was overthrowne by the violence of a great storme of wind. The queere of the church was rased to the very fundatione. At this day it is bot the carkase of the former church, covered with slates; yit the inhabitants doe hardlie keep it up unruinated altogether. Besyd the toombes of B. Lightoune and B. Dumbarre, to be seene as yit in this church, the familie of Huntlie have ane hereditary buriall place in this church, the quhich hes been laitlie againe made remarkable by the toombe of the noble and valorous George Lord Gordone, eldest sone to the lait Marqueis of Huntlie, quho fell in the feild of victorie at Alfoard, Julij 2. 1645.

Upon the west end of Machar Church, in the street interjected, stands the hospitall, founded by B. Gavine Dumbar for the manetinance of 12 poore men; the revenues theroff much diminished in our dayes; and the old men quho live ther are litle better then beggars. The Bischope of Aberdeins pallace of old closit up a syde of the churchyearde. It was large and fair; its buildings and gardings, and its quholl circuite, all enclosit with a strong wall divyding it from the neighbour buildings. B. Alexander Kininmonth

builded it; but presentlie, except the garding, ther scairce remayns one stone of it untaken away. Anno 1639, B. Adame Ballandine, then bischope of Aberdeene, wes glade to abandone it, and leave it as a prey to the Covenanters souldiers, quho at that tyme rifled and spoyled it, leaveing nothing bot bare walls. Anno 1655, the Englishes took away the stones of the walls, having compelled all the nighbouring shyres for to transport them to the Castellhill of New Aberdeine. The rubbish or stones which they left behinde them wer caryed doune to the King's College, anno 1657, to ther new worke. Nixt to the bischopes hous stood the chapplan's chambers, so called of old. Thes doe enclose a large squair court, now in pairt ruined. A pairt of that which remayne ther wes bought in our tyme by D. Johne Forbes of Corse; and albeit he was thrust out of his place by the Covenanters in anno 1640, yit did he mortifie his hous ther to such as should be professors of divinity after him, who keep it as yit.

Also the channons who made up the chapter of Aberdeen, hade ther severall lodgings about the great church, most of them now ruinous. One of thes for many yeires past was infested by evill spirits, and being abandoned was lykewayes rased by the Englishes, and the stones theroff taken away. Another of thes lodgings, which standeth neerest to the port called the Chanrie Port or Clunyes Port, wes laitlie enlarged by the additione of a brave gallerie, adorned with varietie of paynting, as also with a gairding, the goodliest and the greatest in Aberdeen, by the industrie of Sir Alexander Gordone of Clunie, anno 1622. All of them are possest by privat men, since the channons (as smelling too much of poperie) wer carsheired.

The Kings Colledge of Aberdeene, situated at the south ende of Old Aberdene, is conspicuouse beyonde the rest of the buildings. Scotland does not boast of the edefice of any colledge more statelie or bewtifull. It is all covered with lead about, except one quarter, which is purposelie slaited; the church and great tower or steeple both builded of ashler: all the church windows of old wer of paynted glas; and ther remayns as yit a pairt of that ancient braverye. In this church W$^{m}$ Elphingstoune lyes buryed, his tombe stone of black towtch stone; the upper pairt upheld of old by thretteine statues of brasse; his statua of brasse lying betuixt the two stons: all thes robbed and sold long agoe. Ther are two bells (of ten in that steeple,) which are of a greater weght each of them then any in Scotland besyde. Above a double arche crossed of stone ther standeth a crowne royall octangular supported with aight pillers; upon the toppe of the crowne a stone globe; above it a double crosse guilded; intimating as it wer by such a bearing, that it is the Kings

Colledge. It was overthrowne anno 1631 by a furious tempest, bot quicklie afterwards restored in a better forme and conditione by the directione of Patrick Forbes of Corse, then bischope of Aberdeen; Dr. Williame Gordone overseing the work, and solliciting everie quher for assistance therunto, which was contributed considerablie by the noblemen and gentlemen dwelling in the countrey and neerest shyres. The librarie or bibliotheck is joyned unto the church, at first replinished with many goodlie volumes, bot since ather robbed, or embasled, or purloyned by unfaythfull keepers. At this tyme, by the liberalitie of severall donors, it begins to be replinished of new, and accresceth daylie. Under it, hard by, is ther cabinet or jewell hous as they call it, wherin are layde ther patents and registers and publict records. Ther was much pretious stuff layde up ther of old, besyde all this, but long agoe robbed by theeves quho brack in violentlie ther. Next stoode the Chapterhous, now turned to a privat schooll. The Commone Schooll and Colledge Hall above it take up a quholl syde of the base court. Ther parlour is fair and bewtifull within. The southe syde hes upon everie corner two halff round towers with leaden spires. In the yeir 1657, the square of the quholl edifice began to be closed and compleitted by the additione of a new building, which ryses up above the rest, platformed and railed above; the quholl worke builded according to the forme and rule of architectur workmanlyke. The masters and members of the colledge attempted this new worke in a troublesome tyme, by the encurragement of the active subprincipall, Mr. Patrik Sandilands. For compleitting this worke, everie of the masters consented willinglie to contribute a pairt of ther yeirlie lyveliehoods; and lykewayes, as far as the povertie of the tymes wold suffer, amongst so many cessis and impositions, many of the nobility and gentrie of the countrie about, gave in contributions. The lyke did almost the quholl ministers of the provinces of Aberdeen, Murray, Rosse. Since the happie return of Charles the 2nd, anno 1660, Dr. Androw Moore, ther learnit professor of medicine, solicited so diligentlie at Court, that he obteent a warrand from the Exchequer to pay as much as was necessar to finish this new worke. The quholl fundatione of this colledge, being builded in a marrish ground, is underlayde with great rafters of oake, which behoved to be great coast and travell. And that the reader once for all may observe it, ther is no church or bridge builded in or about Aberdeen of squair frie stone, of which the stones are not brought thither by sea, from the quarries neer the firth of Forthe, or from the coast of Murray. Lykewayes, the inhabitants off Aberdeene are necessitat to bring from afarre by sea, the slaites, timber, and lyme.

Bot to returne to our purpose. At the entrie of the Colledge standeth the Grammar Schooll. About the Colledge, at some distance, are the severall professors houses, some of them ruinous, uthers quyt demolisht, a few of them keept in their first integritie. The Colledge began to be builded anno 1500, [4to nonas] of Appryle, which is testified by ane old inscriptione upon the frontispeece of the church. It was built upon the expenses of the most worthie Bischope William Elphingstoune; and twelve yeirs therafter, all the worke was finished by Gavine Dunbar, quhom he left exequitor. James, the fourth of that name, King of Scotland, undertooke the protectione of it, and caused it to be called the Kings Colledge. Pope Alexander the 6th and Julius the 2d, prodigall of that which they could not witholde, gave unto it priviledges equall with the Universitie of Paris and Bononia. Thes priviledges it enjoyes to this day, not upon that accompt, bot by the grant of the Kings of Scotland and Acts of Parliament. The founder at first appoynted that ther should be 42 members in this Universitie, all which were to have ther severall mantinances. Four of thes wer to be professors of divinitie, a reader of Hebrew, a professor of the civill law, and another professor of the canon law, a reader of medicine, and ane humanist, a musiciane, quho wes to be Cantor or publict singer, besyde cuirists and bursers, 12 in number, thrie readers of philosophie, and one for the Greek tongue. The dignity of Chancelar he appoynted for to belong ever after to his successors, Bischops of Aberdeen; and a Rector to be yeerlie chosen. Bot some of thes have failled since, and uthers are changed from the first institutione of the fundator. Laitlie ther hes been a new professione of theologie erected by B. Patrick Forbes of Corse, and a mantinance appoynted for him. The revenue of the Universitie at first wes verie great, but quicklie after, it was diminisht. In our tyme it wes much improved. Since it wes builded, it hes sent out and beene the nurserie of many brave spirits and men eminent for their learning. It is famous for Mr. Hector Boetius, its first principall, quho wes borne at Dundee, ane of the wreitters of the Scotish Historie. Doctor Williame Leslie, a man of great and profounde learning, wes primar theroff not long agoe. Here lykewayes the learnit Doctor John Forbes of Corse wes professor of divinitie.

At some litle distance from the Colledge, towards the sowthe, stood the parish church of Old Aberdeen, called Sanct Mary of the Snow, its fundatione now scarce knowne. Quho first builded it, few can tell. A litle beyond it, beneth the high way to New Aberdeene, ther stood a church called the Spittal Church, which hade St. Peter for its tutelar Sainct. It is lyke-

wayes rasit, and its fundator and the reassone of its being placed ther not knowne now.

It remayns onlie now for to speake concerning the Bridge of Done, distant about four or 500 passes from Old Aberdeene northerlie. It consists bot of one arche, bot that verie large and high, scarcelie to be equalled, most pairt of it builded of ashler, the two pyks theroff foundit so upon two rocks as that they easilie breake the streame of the river, one of them receiving it in a bosome, befor it meet with the bridge. Such as see it wold think that nature hade shaped that place for a bridge. From the bridge, Done runs now straight eastward towards the sea. Yit it is recorded that of old the river of Done did enter into the sea under the broad hill of the Lynks, takeing a great turne that way; and it is affirmed that the long narrow loch called Cannowsweets Pott, which lyeth along a pairt of the Lynks, was a pairt of the channell of Done, which did run along that way. Lykewayes the oldest mappes of Scotland descryve the river of Done fetching such a compas as is spoken of. No man can certainly tell who builded the Bridge of Done. The commone and most probable reporte is that the renouned Prince Robert Bruisse, King of Scotland, at such tyme as he banished B. Henrie Cheyne from his sea, and drave him out of Scotland besyde, did command for to sequester the bishopes yeerlie revenue to be imployed towards pious uses, and that this bridge (which is lyke to be true) was builded with a pairt of that revenue. And let it suffice to have givne this short accompt of all that is most remarkable in and about bothe cities of Aberdein.

# APPENDIX

# CARTARUM.

# CARTAE BURGI

# DE ABERDEEN.

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Carta Willelmi Regis de libero anso Burgensium ·

Willelmus dei gracia Rex Scottorum Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue Salutem · Sciant presentes et futuri me concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse Burgensibus meis de Aberdoen et Omnibus Burgensibus de Morauia et Omnibus Burgensibus meis ex aquilonali parte de Munth manentibus liberum ansum suum tenendum ubi voluerint et quando voluerint Ita libere et quiete plenarie et honorifice sicut antecessores eorum tempore Regis Dauid aui mei ansum suum liberius et honorificencius habuerunt · Quare prohibeo firmiter Ne quis eos inde vexet aut Disturbet Super meam plenariam forisfacturam · Testibus Andrea Episcopo de Katenes · Comite Dunecano Justiciario · Gilleberto Comite de Stradhern · Comite G. de Anegus · Ricardo de Moreuill Constabulario · Waltero de Berkelei Camerario · G. de Maleuill · Hugone giffard · Malisio fratre Comitis de Stradhern · Apud Pert.

Carta Willelmi Regis de tolneio de catallis propriis ·

Willelmus dei gracia Rex Scottorum Episcopis Abbatibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis Ministris et omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salu-

tem · Sciant presentes et futuri me in perpetuum quietos clammasse omnes burgenses meos de Aberdon a tolneio de propriis catallis suis per totum regnum meum pro bono servicio quod idem burgenses mei mihi fecerunt · Et idem volo ut nullum per regnum meum dent tolneium de propriis catallis suis et firmiter precipio ut ubicunque in regno meo uenerint perpetuo a tolneio quieti sint de propriis catallis suis · Quare prohibeo firmiter nequis in regno meo eos iniuste uexare presumat in exigendo ab eis de propriis catallis eorum tolneium super meam plenariam forisfacturam · Testibus Ricardo Episcopo Morauie · Comite Duncano Justiciario · Gillechrist Comite de Mar · Willelmo et Waltero Capellanis meis · Philippo de Valoniis · Alano filio Rollandi Constabulario · Willelmo de Haia · Willelmo Giffard · Umfredo de berkelei · Henrico Reuel · Thoma Thancard · yuone de veteri ponte · Waltero filio Sibaldi · Apud aberdon xxviij die Augusti.

Carta Alexandri II · Regis de libertatibus Burgi ·

Alexander dei gracia Rex Scottorum Episcopis Abbatibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et Omnibus probis hominibus Tocius terre sue clericis et laicis Salutem · Sciant presentes et futuri me Concessisse et hac Carta mea confirmasse burgo meo et burgensibus meis de Aberden iura et libertates que predecessores mei concesserunt burgo et burgensibus de Pert · Scilicet · ut habeant forum suum die Sabbati in qualibet Ebdomada · meamque firmam pacem dedi iuste omnibus probis hominibus qui ad forum illud uenient · Et prohibeo ne quis eis in ueniendo ad forum vel in redeundo iniuriam uel molestiam aut grauamen iniuste inferat · super meam plenariam forisfacturam · Prohibeo etiam firmiter ne quis merchator extraneus infra vicecomitatum de Aberden extra burgum meum de Aberden aliquod emat vel uendat super meam defensionem · Set extranei merchatores deferant merchaturas suas ad burgum meum de Aberden et eas ibi uendant

et denarios suos implicent · Si quis uero merchator extraneus super defensionem meam inuentus fuerit in vicecomitatu de Aberden aliquod emens uel uendens capiatur et detineatur donec uoluntatem meam de eo precepero · Prohibeo etiam firmiter ne Quis merchator extraneus secet pannum suum ad vendendum in foro de Aberden nisi a die ascensionis domini usque ad vincula Sancti Petri infra quos terminos uolo ut ipsi secent pannum suum ad uendendum in foro de Aberden et ibi emant et uendant pannum et alias merchaturas suas communiter cum burgensibus meis sicut dominici burgenses mei saluis rectitudinibus meis · Precipio etiam ut omnes qui manent in burgo de Aberden et cum burgensibus meis ad forum communicare voluerint communicent cum illis ad auxilia mea reddenda cuiuscunque homines sint · Prohibeo etiam ne aliqua taberna habeatur in aliqua uilla in vicecomitatu de Aberden nisi ubi miles sit dominus ville · et in ea manens · et ibi non habeatur nisi una sola Taberna · Concedo etiam eisdem Burgensibus meis de Aberden ut habeant Gildam suam merchatricem · exceptis fullonibus et telariis · Prohibeo etiam firmiter ne Quis manens extra burgum meum de Aberden in vicecomitatu de Aberden faciat pannum tinctum vel tonsum in vicecomitatu de Aberden vel facere faciat preter Burgenses meos de Aberden qui sunt in Gilda merchatoria · et qui communicant ad auxilia mea reddenda cum burgensibus meis de Aberden · exceptis illis qui de hac libertate cartam suam hucusque habuerunt · Quare prohibeo firmiter ne quis in vicecomitatu de Aberden facere presumat pannum tinctum vel tonsum super meam plenariam forisfacturam · Si uero alicuius pannus tinctus vel tonsus inventus fuerit factus super hanc defensionem precipio vicecomiti meo quatinus capiat pannum · et inde faciat secundum quod consuetudo fuit tempore Regis David proaui mei · Prohibeo etiam firmiter · ne quis extraneus extra burgum meum de Aberden · emat uel uendat Coria uel lanam nisi in burgo meo de Aberden · Has autem omnes libertates et consuetudines illis concedo et hac carta mea confirmo saluis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus que ante concessionem istam date fuerunt aliis burgis et burgensi-

bus infra bailliam de Aberden · Precipio autem firmiter ballivis meis de Aberden quatinus predictis burgensibus meis de Aberden auxiliantes sint et eos iuste manuteneant ad predictas rectas consuetudines burgi habendas · Et prohibeo ne quis predictos burgenses meas contra predictas rationabiles leges et Consuetudines iniuste vexare presumat super meam plenariam forisfacturam · Testibus Willelmo de boscho cancellario meo · Comite Malcolmo de fif · Waltero de Lindesay · Johanne de Maccuswel · Willelmo Marescallo · Waltero Cumin · Jordano Cumin · Henrico Marescallo · Willelmo de Hasting · Malcolmo Pincerna · Roberto de Sancto Claro · apud Alicht xxvij die ffebruarii ·

Carta Alexandri III · Regis de liberis nundinis ·

Alexander dei gracia Rex Scottorum Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue Salutem · Noueritis nos concessisse dedisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse Burgensibus nostris de Aberden Dilectis et fidelibus nostris ut habeant singulis annis a die Sancte Trinitatis Nundinas in Burgo nostro de Aberden per duas septimanas continue sequentes duraturas · cum omnibus Juribus Libertatibus Rectitudinibus et consuetudinibus ad alias Nundinas nostras in Burgis nostris per Regnum nostrum constitutas iuste pertinentibus · Testibus Willelmo Cumyn de kylbryde · Thoma Ranulphi tunc Camerario · Reginaldo le Chen · Roberto de Cambrun · Willelmo de Sancto Claro · Patricio de Graham · et Willelmo Byseth · apud Kyntor secundo die Decembris anno regni nostri vicesimo quinto.

Carta Alexandri III · Regis de protectione Burgi ·

Alexander dei gratia Rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue ad quos presentes littere peruenerint Salutem

Sciatis nos burgenses nostros de Abirden terras suas homines suos et vniuersas eorundem possessiones ac omnia bona sua mobilia et immobilia sub firma pace et protectione nostra iuste Suscepisse · Quare firmiter prohibemus nequis eis malum · molestiam · iniuriam seu grauamen aliquod inferre presumat iniuste super nostram plenariam forisfacturam · Concessimus etiam eisdem vt nullus namos suos vel alicuius ipsorum seu hominum suorum capiat pro alicuius debito plegiagio vel forisfacto nisi pro suo proprio debito plegiagio vel forisfacto · firmiter inhibentes nequis eos vel aliquem ipsorum contra hanc concessionem nostram vexare presumat iniuste super nostram plenariam forisfacturam · Testibus Willelmo Cumyn de kelebrid · Willelmo de Sancto Claro · Symone ffraser · Patricio de Graham Apud kyncardyn vicesimo septimo die Januarii Anno regni nostri vicesimo octauo

Commissio Custodum Regni ad querelam terminandam inter Burgos Aberden et Munros de Nundinis de Aberden ·

Willelmus et Robertus permissione diuina Sancti Andree et Glasguensis Episcopi · Duncanus Comes de ffyf · Alexander Cumyn Comes de buchania constabularius et Justiciarius Scocie · Johannes Cumyn et Jacobus senescallus Scocie custodes Regni Scocie de communi consilio constituti Omnibus probis hominibus eiusdem regni ad quos presentes litere peruenerint · Salutem · Sciatis quod constituimus loco nostri Religiosos viros Andream et Hugonem de Cupir et de Scon abbates · Cristinum de Insula · Johannem Ailbot et Johannem filium Ricardi burgenses de pert vel eorum tres aut duos Apud Scon die Jouis proxima post ascensionem domini proxime futuram ad audiendum et terminandum iuste et secundum assisam terre loquelam seu querelam motam inter burgenses et communiam de Abirden ex vna parte et burgenses et communiam de Munros ex altera · Super nundinis villarum de Abirden et de Munros secun-

dum tenorem cartarum suarum quas inde habent · Quare vobis mandamus et precipimus quatinus dictis Andree et Hugoni Abbatibus · Cristino · Johanni · et Johanni burgensibus vel eorum tribus aut duobus · tanquam loco nostri constitutis sitis in premissis intendentes et respondentes · In cuius rei testimonium has literas patentes sigillo regimini regni Scocie deputato fecimus sigillari · Datum apud Edinburg octauo die Maij anno gracie m° · cc° octogesimo septimo

Supplicatio Burgensium de Banf de nundinis de Aberden · ad Custodes Regni directa ·

Viris prouidis et disgretis custodibus regni scocie de communi consilio constitutis et ceteris magnatibus eiusdem consilii residentibus · pprepositi ac ceteri burgenses commune de Banff Salutem et debitam ad honoris obsequia reuerenciam · Vobis grauiter conquerendo monstramus quod cum dominus Alexander quondam rex scocie inclite recordacionis quasdam nundinas in burgo de Aberdin tenendas et habendas ad utilitatem nostram et aliorum burgorum ex aquilonari parte moncium existencium per cartam suam concessisset et impperpetuum confirmasset · que quidem nundine per burgenses de Munros inpediuntur et singulis annis perturbantur in non modicum preiudicium et grauamen prefati burgi de Abirdin immo tocius prouincie ex aquilonari parte · Quare vestre discretioni reuerende humiliter Supplicamus attencius petentes quatinus tenorem carte superius nominate dicto burgo de Aberdin concesse propter utilitatem pupplicam ac necessitatem dictorum burgensium de Aberdin illesum si placet secundum libertates infra cartam suam contentas obseruari faciatis · Ita ne occasione inquietacionis seu perturbacionis dictorum burgencium de Munros ulterius dampnum seu iactura nobis inferatur nec inde materia conquerendi per defectum iusticie nobis tribuatur · In cuius rei testimonium sigillum

nostrum commune hiis literis patentibus est appensum Datum apud Banff dominica proxima ante carnipriuium Anno domini m° cc° octogesimo nono

Carta Roberti I · Regis de custodia foreste Regie de Le Stoket ·

Robertus dei gracia Rex Scottorum Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue Salutem · Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac presenti Carta nostra confirmasse Burgensibus et communitati burgi nostri de Abirden Curam et Custodiam tocius foreste nostre de Le Stoket cum pertinenciis Tenendam et habendam dicto Burgo Burgensibus et Communitati eiusdem et eorum heredibus et Successoribus per omnes Rectas metas suas et diuisas cum omnibus Libertatibus commoditatibus et aisiamentis ad dictam forestam spectantibus seu de iure vel consuetudine in futurum spectare valentibus · saluis nobis viridi et venacione tantum · Concedimus eciam eidem Burgo nostro · Burgensibus et Communitati eiusdem et eorum heredibus et successoribus · quod nullus Justiciarius forestarum nostrarum nec aliquis alius regni nostri cuiuscunque condicionis fuerit siue status se intromittat seu cognicionem habeat super defectibus dicte foreste nostre · preter personam nostram et Camerarium nostrum qui pro tempore fuerit · firmiter inhibentes ne quis contra hanc concessionem nostram ipsos Burgenses vel Communitatem heredes suos uel successores vexare presumat iniuste super nostram plenariam forisfacturam · In cuius rei testimonium presenti Carte nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi Testibus Edwardo de Bruis Comite de Carrik et Domino Galwidie fratre nostro · Dauid Comite Atholie Constabulario nostro Scocie · Thoma Ranulphi Comite Morauie nepote nostro · Johanne de Meneteth · Gilberto de Haia · Alexandro de Meyners et Roberto de Keth Marescallo nostro Scocie Militibus · apud Dunde vicesimo quarto die Octobris anno regni nostri Octauo ·

Carta Roberti I · Regis de nundinis in festo S · Trinitatis ·

Robertus dei gracia Rex Scottorum · Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue Salutem · Sciatis nos concessisse et hac presenti Carta nostra confirmasse Burgensibus et Communitati Burgi de Abirden dilectis et fidelibus quod ipsi heredes et successores sui Nundinas illas quas exercere solebant in festo Sancte Trinitatis ex infeodacione predecessorum nostrorum Regum Scocie exerceant decetero teneant et possideant in dicto Burgo singulis annis a die dominica qua cantatur quasi modo geniti per vnam quindenam sequentem plene et continue duraturam sub firma pace et protectione nostra · In cuius Rei testimonium presenti Carte nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi · Testibus Bernardo Abbate de Abirbrothoc Cancellario nostro · Thoma Ranulphi Comite Morauie et domino Vallis Anandie et Mannie · Valtero Senescallo Scocie · Jacobo domino de Duglas · Roberto de Keth marescallo nostro Scocie · Dauid de Lindesay et Dauid de Berkelay Militibus · Apud Berewicum super Twedam octauo die Decembris anno Regni nostri Quarto decimo ·

Carta Roberti I · Regis de burgo foresta et libertatibus · Reddendo 213 l · 6 s · 8 d ·

Robertus dei gratia Rex Scottorum Omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue Salutem · Sciatis nos de consilio et ordinacione proborum Regni nostri concessisse et ad feodofirmam assedasse ac presenti carta nostra confirmasse burgensibus nostris et communitati burgi nostri de Aberdene burgum nostrum de Aberdene predictum et forestam nostram del Stoket cum pertinenciis Tenenda et habenda predictis burgensibus et communitati eorum heredibus et successoribus in perpetuum de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate et in libero burgagio · per omnes rectas metas

et diuisas · cum molendinis aquis piscariis minutis custumis · Tolloneis Curiis ponderibus mensuris et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus · commoditatibus · aysiamentis · Consuetudinibus et iustis pertinenciis suis ad assedacionem dictorum burgi et fforeste de iure et consuetudine spectantibus vel spectare valentibus in futurum · Reddendo inde nobis annuatim vel heredibus nostris · dicti burgenses eorum heredes et successores vt supradictum est · Ducentas et Tresdecem libras · sex solidos et octo denarios sterlingorum tantum · in Cameram nostram ad duos anni terminos medietatem ad ffestum penthecostes et aliam medietatem ad ffestum sancti Martini in hyeme · pro omni alio seruicio exactione consuetudine seu demanda · Volumus etiam et concedimus quod dicti burgenses nostri heredes et successores eorundem libere et sine impedimento quocunque · in Campis moris et aliis quibuscunque locis dicte foreste extra boscum del Stoket predicto burgo de Aberdene proxime adiacentem · possint omnimodam culturam facere · mansiones et edificia construere · ffocalia fodere · ac alias quascunque commoditates excercere · perficere · et ordinare prout melius viderint expedire · Saluo tantum nobis et heredibus nostris viridi grossarum arborum in predicto bosco et venacione similiter si in eadem fforesta casualiter inueniatur · Concessimus eciam eidem burgo nostro burgensibus et communitati eiusdem heredibusque et successoribus suis quod nullus Justiciarius fforeste vel aliquis alius regni nostri cuiuscunque condicionis fuerit siue status · super Custodia presentis Concessionis et infeodacionis nostre vel super defectibus eiusdem se aliqualiter intromittant aut cognicionem habeant nisi tantum Camerarius noster qui pro tempore fuerit · Ita tamen quod quicunque super huiusmodi defectibus aut super destructione viridis aut venacionis in dicta foresta legaliter conuictus fuerit · penam huiusmodi criminis subportet in ppropria persona et nullus alius · principali tamen concessione et infeodacione nostra in suo Robore firmiter et perpetuo permanente · In cuius Rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi · Testibus Willelmo et Willelmo Sancti Andree et Don-

keldensi Episcopis · Bernardo Abbate de Aberbrothoc Cancellario nostro · Thoma Ranulphi Comite Morauie et domino Vallis Anandie et Mannie · Roberto de Keyth Mariscallo nostro · Gilberto de Haya constabulario nostro · Alexandro ffraser Camerario nostro militibus · Apud berwyc super Twed decimo die Decembris anno Regni nostri quarto decimo ·

Carta Roberti I · Regis de assisa cervisie et piscis ·

Robertus dei gracia Rex Scottorum Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue Salutem · Sciatis nos concessisse et hac presenti Carta nostra Confirmasse Burgensibus nostris de Abirden quod ipsi et eorum successores liberi sint et in perpetuum quieti de omnimoda assisa Servisie et piscis rubei et albi quam assisam temporibus retroactis soluere consueuerunt · Volumus tamen quod dicti Burgenses de predicta assisa Waltero de Berkelay militi nunc vicecomiti nostro de Abirden satisfaciant et plenarie respondeant quamdiu ibidem noster steterit vicecomes · In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi · Testibus Bernardo Abbate de Abirbrothoc cancellario nostro · Waltero Senescallo Scocie · Jacobo domino de duglas · Alexandro ffraser camerario nostro et Gilberto de Haya Constabulario nostro militibus · Apud Lacum de Leueyn vicesimo quinto die Septembris Anno Regni nostri octauo decimo ·

Carta Roberti I · Regis de libertatibus Burgi ·

Robertus dei gracia Rex Scottorum Justiciariis · vicecomitibus · prepositis · et eorum balliuis · ceterisque fidelibus suis vniuersis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint Salutem · Sciatis quod concessimus burgensibus nostris et communitati Burgi de Abirden · omnes libertates consuetudines et iura de quibus per predecessores nostros

fuerunt infeodati temporibus retroactis · Ita quod de prisis cariagiis capcionibus attachiamentis vexacionibus extra burgum aut exactionibus aliis quibuscunque non grauentur ab aliquibus · Concessimus etiam eisdem plenariam potestatem capiendi incarcerandi et puniendi omnes illos qui in dicto Burgo nostro de Abirden armati incedunt contra statuta nostra · et specialiter burgorum nostrorum · Quare firmiter prohibemus ne quis contra hanc concessionem nostram ipsos vexare presumat iniuste sub pena omnium que erga nos poterunt amitti · In cuius Rei testimonium has literas nostras sibi fieri fecimus patentes · Apud Geruan in Carryc · sexto die ffebruarii · Anno regni nostri vicesimo tertio

Carta Roberti I · Regis de libertatibus Burgi ·

Robertus dei gracia Rex Scottorum Justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis et eorum balliuis ceterisque fidelibus suis vniuersis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint Salutem · Sciatis quod concessimus Burgensibus nostris et communitati burgi de Abirden omnes libertates consuetudines et iura de quibus per predecessores nostros fuerunt infeodati temporibus retroactis · Ita quod de prisis cariagiis capcionibus attachiamentis vexacionibus extra burgum vel infra aut exactionibus aliis quibuscunque indebitis non grauentur ab aliquibus tempore nundinarum vel tempore alio · Concessimus eciam eisdem plenariam potestatem capiendi incarcerandi et puniendi omnes illos qui in dicto burgo nostro de Abirden armati incedunt contra statuta nostra et specialiter burgorum nostrorum · Quare firmiter prohibemus ne quis contra hanc concessionem nostram ipsos vexare presumat iniuste sub pena omnium que erga nos poterunt amitti · In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras sibi fieri fecimus patentes Apud Inchemichell in Galwydia decimo die Marcij anno Regni nostri vicesimo tertio ·

Carta David II · Regis de libertatibus Burgi ·

Dauid dei gracia Rex Scottorum Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue salutem · Sciatis nos concessisse et ex deliberato consilio nostro hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse burgensibus nostris de Abirden fidelibus nostris et communitati burgi nostri predicti omnes libertates consuetudines et iura de quibus per predecessores nostros Reges Scocie quoscunque infeodati fuerunt et quibus iuste et secundum leges burgorum vsi sunt · oppressione siue subuersione libertatum suarum quas per guerram nostram in absencia nostra hucusque passi sunt non obstante · et licet dicti burgenses nostri et communitas ad instanciam nostram vel ex permissione contra libertates et iura sua eis a Regibus Scocie predecessoribus nostris concessa dampna et iniurias de facto sint perpessi · Volumus tamen quod libertates sue consuetudines et iura sua sibi et successoribus suis de cetero integra permaneant et illesa · Quare firmiter prohibemus ne quis contra hanc concessionem nostram ipsos vexare grauare seu inquietare presumat super nostram plenariam forisfacturam · In cuius rei testimonium presenti Carte nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi · Testibus Roberto Senescallo Scocie nepote nostro · Duncano Comite de ffyf · Patricio de dunbarr Comite Marchie · Roberto de Keth Marescallo nostro Scocie · Malcolmo fflemyng et Thoma de Carnoto Cancellario nostro militibus in pleno consilio nostro tento Apud Abirden vicesimo primo die ffebruarii · Anno Regni nostri tercio decimo ·

Remissio David II · Regis ·

Dauid dei gracia Rex Scottorum Omnibus probis hominibus suis tocius terre sue Salutem · Sciatis quod remisimus et totaliter imperpetuum perdonauimus ac quietum clamauimus omnibus burgensibus et singulis ac communitati burgi nostri de Abirden omnem

rancorem animi nostri quem erga eosdem et eorum quemlibet habuimus vel habere poterimus ex causa seu mocione quacunque vsque in diem confectionis presencium · vna cum omnimodis actionibus peticionibus et transgressionibus que eisdem vel eorum alicui ex parte nostra aliqualiter obici poterunt · Quare firmiter prohibemus ne quis eisdem burgensibus nostris et communitati burgi predicti malum molestiam calumpniam iniuriam dampnum aut grauamen aliquod inferat quocunque modo contra hanc remissionem perdonacionem et quietamclamacionem nostram · In cuius rei testimonum has literas nostras sibi fieri fecimus patentes · Apud Edynburgh primo die Julij · anno regni nostri septimo decimo ·

Litera Dauid II · Regis contra Flamyngos ·

Dauid dei gratia Rex Scottorum Camerario nostro Scocie vicecomitibus prepositis et eorum balliuis ceterisque ministris nostris ad quos presentes litere peruenerint · Salutem · Quia manifestum fuit consilio nostro tento apud Dunde xij die Nouembris quod mercatores regni nostri et eorum seruientes necnon et omnes et singuli de regno nostro cuiuscunque condicionis aut status cum omnibus bonis suis et mercandisis de partibus Flandrie a communione Flamyngorum exulati sunt et banniti · cuius causam banicionis penitus ignoramus · Vnde Mercatores Flandrie et omnes Flamyngos cuiuscunque condicionis aut status · nautis duntaxat exceptis · a visitatione et communione Regni nostri penitus exulamus · Ita quod vbicunque infra regnum nostrum a notificatione presencium literarum aliquis fflamyngus poterit inueniri · tanquam bannitus et exulatus captiuetur et omnia bona sua et mercandise ad opus nostrum confiscantur tam diu videlicet quam arresta mercatorum regni nostri nuper facta in fflandria steterit non remota · Vobis mandamus et precipimus quatenus tenorem presentis litere nostre vt premittitur in omnibus conseruetis · Datum in consilio nostro tento predicto die apud Dunde anno regni nostri decimo nono ·

Litera Dauid II · Regis de Stapula apud Myddylburgh ·

Dauid dei gracia Rex Scottorum vniuersis ad quorum noticiam presentes litere peruenerint · salutem in domino sempiternam · Quia per consilium nostrum tentum apud Dunde duodecimo die Nouembris anno domini millesimo ccc° quadragesimo septimo concorditer extitit deliberatum quod burgenses et mercatores Regni nostri stapulam mercandisarum habeant et maiorem apud Myddylburgh in Selandia prout burgenses et mercatores Regni nostri ex parte vna et burgenses et mercatores de Myddylburgh ex altera · causa negociandi melius poterunt vnanimiter concordare · quam quidem concordiam siue contractum inter burgenses et mercatores regni nostri ac burgenses et mercatores de Myddylburgh predictos · faciendam componendam siue vallandam in omnibus ratam habere volumus et firmam · Et dictam concordiam siue contractum in omnibus vt premittitur approbamus ratificamus et pro nobis et nostris confirmamus · Et hoc omnibus quorum interest notum facimus per presentes · Quapropter omnibus et singulis ministris ac fidelibus nostris precipimus et mandamus ne contra deliberacionem dicti consilii nostri venire presumant sub pena que competit in hac parte · In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras per vnum annum integrum a festo Pasche proxime futuro duraturas fieri fecimus patentes Apud Dunde xij die Nouembris anno regni nostri decimo nono ·

Carta annui reditus de terra in burgo ab Alexandro Ysaac data Johanni de Edynham ·

Vniuersis hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Alexander dictus Ysaac filius et heres ysaac Clerici quondam burgensis de Abirden Salutem Eternam in domino Nouerit vniuersitas vestra me concessisse ac precise vendidisse necnon omnino et inperpetuum pro me et hereredibus meis et meis assignatis quietum clamasse et hac

presenti carta mea confirmasse Johanni de Edynhame burgensi de Abirden totum illum redditum meum annuum viginti solidorum sterlingorum me iure hereditario contingentem de illa terra cum pertinenciis quam tenuit Johannes de bothvyll ad feodofirmam dum vixit jacente in vico castri in le Chekery domini Abbatis de Scona inter terram tunc Walteri de Etall versus occidentem ex parte vna et terram tunc Malcolmi dicti Urith versus orientem ex parte altera · Quem vero annuum redditum ad tria placita capitalia dicti burgi prout moris est et legis burgorum approbate propinquioribus de sanguine meo legaliter optuli vendendum pro quadam pecunie summa quam predictus Johannes michi in mea grauissima necessitate probata ad sustentacionem vite mee et ad debita mea adquietanda in quibus erga diuersos tempore confectionis presentis carte grauiter extiti oneratus in pecunia numerata bene et fideliter persoluit et pacauit vnde me pro me et heredibus meis et meis assignatis bene contentum teneo et pacatum · Tenendum et habendum predicto Johanni et heredibus suis et suis assignatis pure et imperpetuum a me et heredibus meis et meis assignatis libere quiete plenarie et honorifice bene et in pace absque aliqua reclamacione mei vel heredum meorum seu aliorum quorumcunque nomine nostro vel ex parte nostra infuturum · Ego vero predictus Alexander et heredes mei vel mei assignati totum predictum Redditum meum annuum viginti solidorum sterlingorum per omnia bona nostra mobilia et immobilia terras redditus et tenementa vbicunque infra burgum de Aberden inuenti fuerint aut extra predicto Johanni et heredibus suis et suis assignatis pro predicta pecunie summa in mea necessitate vt premittitur integre et fideliter soluta contra omnes homines et feminas Warantizabimus acquietabimus et in perpetuum defendemus · In cuius rei testimonium presenti Carte sigillum meum est appensum · Et ad maiorem huius rei euidenciam Sigillum commune burgi de Abirden gratia testimonii presentibus apponi procuraui · Datum apud Abirden Octodecimo die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo trecentesimo quinquagesimo · Hiis testibus Roberto de Edynhame tunc Aldirmanno de Aberden ·

Rogero de Nesbit · Andrea filio Walteri · Gregorio dicto Spalding et Alexandro dicto bryse tunc balliuis euisdem burgi · Dauid de foty · Simone Gilsath · Johanne Spring · Malcolmo dicto Writh · Willelmo filio Dauid · Willelmo de Leth et multis aliis ·

Exemplificatio carte Willelmi Regis de toftis Abbatis de Kynlos ·

Pateat vniuersis per presentes nos Johannem miseracione diuina ecclesie Morauiensis ministrum humilem vidisse inspexisse et ex integro perlegisse quandam cartam serenissimi principis domini Villelmi quondam Regis Scottorum illustris non cancellatam non abrasam nec in aliqua parte sui viciatam viris religiosis Abbati et conuentui Monasterii de kynlos concessam cuius quidem tenor talis est de verbo ad verbum Willelmus dei gratia Rex Scocie Episcopis Abbatibus Comitibus Baronibus Justiciis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem · Sciant presentes et futuri me dedisse et concessisse et hac carta mea confirmasse deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de kynlos et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus quinque plenaria tofta in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam · silicet vnum toftum in burgo meo de Inuernys et vnum in Eren et vnum in fforeys et vnum in Elgyn et vnum in Abyrden tenenda et possidenda ita libere et quiete plenarie et honorifice sicut aliqua elemosina liberius quiecius plenius et honorificencius teneri vel possideri potest · Concessi eciam eis et dedi et hac carta mea confirmaui vt homines eorum super tofta predicta manentes liberi sint et quieti ab omnibus auxiliis et seruiciis et consuetudinibus et ab omni exactione seculari ad me pertinentibus per redditum et seruicium quod prenominatis monachis facient vel facere debent ·Testibus Jocelino Episcopo de Glesgo · Abbate Ernaldo de Melros · Hugone Abbate de Neubotil · Dauid fratre meo · Comite Wallevo · Ricardo de Moreuill Constabulario · Waltero Olifer Justiciario · Alano filio Walteri dapifero · Willelmo de Lauder · Waltero de Berchelai Camerario · Ranulfo de Sules · Apud

Melros · In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum apposuimus · Datum Apud Spyni in festo decollacionis sancti Johannis Baptiste anno domini millesimo Tricesimo quinquagesimo quinto ·

Carta Roberti III · Regis · ad construendum pretorium ·

Robertus Dei gratia Rex Scottorum · Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis Salutem · Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse burgensibus et communitati burgi de Abbirdene licenciam nostram specialem faciendi construendi et edificandi vnam domum pro pretorio suo cum solariis et selariis de longitudine octoginta pedum et triginta pedum in latitudine vbicunque sibi melius placuerit infra dictum burgum · medio fori euisdem burgi duntaxat excepto · Tenendam et habendam dictam domum pretorii cum solariis et selariis suis ac pertinenciis vniuersis dictis burgensibus et communitati ac eorum successoribus imperpetuum in feodo et hereditate de nobis et heredibus nostris libere quiete plenarie integre et honorifice bene et in pace · In cuius Rei testimonium presenti carte sigillum nostrum precipimus apponi · Testibus venerabilibus in Christo patribus Waltero et Matheo Sancti Andree et Glasguensis Ecclesiarum Episcopis · Roberto Comite de ffyf et de Meneteth fratre nostro carissimo · Archebaldo Comite de douglas domino Galwidie · Jacobo de Douglas domino de Dalketh · Thoma de Erskine consanguineis nostris dilectis · militibus · et Alexandro de Cocburn de langtoun Custode magni sigilli nostri · Apud Perth vicesimo die mensis Octobris anno regni nostri quarto ·

Litere Jacobi I · Regis de indemnitate quatuor burgorum ·

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scottorum · Omnibus hominibus clericis et laicis regni nostri notum facimus nos auctoritate nostra Regia teneri

et tenore presencium firmiter et fideliter obligari dilectis et fidelibus nostris burgensibus videlicet prepositis et bailliuis et communitatibus quatuor burgorum regni nostri predicti scilicet de Edenburgch · Perth · Dunde · et Abirden · ac eorum heredibus et successoribus ad obseruandum ipsos et heredes suos et successores et eorum quemlibet indempnem seu indempnes de solucione quinquaginta millium marcarum pro qua summa soluenda serenissimo principi Henrico Regi Anglie pro nostra liberacione predicti prepositi et communitates et bailliui quatuor burgorum nostrorum ad mandatum nostrum sunt litteratorie obligati ad terminos inde concordatos · Et ad hoc faciendum ut premissum est sine exceptione reuocatione aut impedimento quibuscunque Obligamus nos auctoritate nostre regie Majestatis heredes nostros et successores reges Scotie firmiter et sine fraude presencium per tenorem · Insuper promittimus et curabimus nos facere omnes et singulos prepositos et balliuos ac communitates ceterorum burgorum regni nostri se heredes suos et successores sub suis communibus sigillis obligare in forma sufficienti prepositis et balliuis dictorum quatuor burgorum ad assistendum et adherendum eisdem in solutione dicte summe pecunie in casum et euentum quibus pro ea distringantur siue eam soluant in toto vel in parte et ad participandum et contribuendum cum eisdem juxta vires in omni onere tam occasione principalis solucionis prefate summe pecunie non solute quam sumptuum et expensarum circa factum huiusmodi obligacionis iam factorum et imposterum fiendorum · In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus iussimus apponi apud dunelmum xxvi die mensis Marcii anno domini millesimo quadringentessimo vicesimo quarto et regni nostri xviij° ·

Carta Jacobi II · Regis de Custumis .

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem · Sciatis quod de

avisamento et deliberacione consilii nostri concessimus supersedere de custumis quibuscunque percipiendis de bonis Anglicorum aliquorum in hoc regno videlicet ad burgum nostrum de Perth et ab hinc in omnibus partibus borealibus Regni nostri predicti importandis · exceptis solummodo custumis pannorum et de qualibet celdra victualium triginta duobus denariis et de cado salmonum duobus solidis · Et quod omnes ligii nostri de partibus predictis videlicet de Perth et ab hinc ad fines boreales regni nostri supradicti de omnibus custumis quorumcunque bonorum Anglicorum persoluendis · Necnon et de custumis piscium vbique locorum infra regnum nostrum predictum libere sint exempti · hac nostra concessione vsque ad nostram etatem viginti vnius annorum et deinde ad nostram voluntatem absque preiudicio nostri et mercatorum ligiorumque nostrorum predictorum duratura · Et hoc omnibus quorum interest vel interesse poterit in futurum notificamus per presentes · Datum sub magno sigillo nostro Apud Edinburgh die penultimo mensis Julij anno regni nostri decimo ·

Carta Jacobi II · Regis de custuma salis et pellium ·

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum · Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem · Sciatis nos pro singulari fauore quem gerimus erga dilectos nostros mercatores burgenses et communitatem burgi nostri de Aberdene et pro suis gratuitis seruiciis nobis hactenus multipliciter impensis dedisse concessisse et hac presenti Carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis nostrisque heredibus et successoribus pro perpetuo prefatis burgensibus et communitati burgi nostri de Aberdene eorumque heredibus et successoribus burgensibus eiusdem burgi vt ipsi perpetuis futuris temporibus liberi absoluti et quieti sint ab omni solucione custume salis et pellium subscriptarum vulgariter dictarum skorlingis skaldingis futefell lentrinwar lambskynnys todskynnys calfskynnys cunyngskynnis ottirskynnis et foumartskynnis · Et mercatores

ac burgenses de aberdene eorumque heredes et successores dicti burgi burgenses de solucione dicte custume salis et pellium predictarum absoluimus exoneramus et quittos clamamus pro nobis et nostris successoribus pro perpetuo · preterea volumus ac pro nobis et nostris successoribus concessimus dictis burgensibus et communitati de Aberdene liberam potestatem atque facultatem vendendi mercandizandi vel in excambium aut aliter permutandi tam extraneis personis et non liberis quam quibuscunque aliis personis et tam infra nostrum Regnum quam extra · mercimonia predicta salis et pellium absque quacunque custuma per ipsos extraneos aut alios quoscunque quibuscunque futuris temporibus persoluenda · Ita quod de dictis sale et pellibus per ipsos extraneos a nostris burgensibus supradictis emptis seu acquisitis custuma nullatenus persoluetur nisi tantum parua custuma per ipsos extraneos et non liberos dictis burgensibus et communitati de dictis sale et pellibus retroactis temporibus hactenus debita et persolui consueta · Quare vniuersis et singulis quorum interest vel interesse poterit stricte precipiendo mandamus quatenus in contrarium dicte nostre donacionis exoneracionis quitclamacionis nullatenus deuenire presumant seu eorum aliquis deuenire presumat sub omni pena quam erga nostram regiam incurrere poterint seu poterit maiestatem · In cuis rei testimonium presentibus nostris litteris pro perpetuo duraturis nostrum magnum sigillum apponi precipimus · Testibus Reuerendo in Christo patre Willelmo Episcopo Glasguensi · Willelmo domino Creichtoune nostro Cancellario et consanguineo predilecto · dilectis consanguineis nostris Andrea domino le gray Magistro hospicii nostri · Willelmo domino Somervile · Alexandro de Narne de Sandfurde nostrorum compotorum rotulatore et Magistro Georgeo de Schoriswod Cancellario Dunkeldensi Clerico nostro · Apud Striuelyne sexto die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo secundo et regni nostri decimo sexto ·

Carta Jacobi II · Regis de Custumis ·

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum · Vniuersis et singulis ligiis et subditis nostris ad quorum noticias presentes litere peruenerint salutem · Quia intelleximus quod burgenses et mercatores burgi nostri de Abirdene quam magna dampna et incommoda hactenus perpessi sunt ob exportacionem lane pellium et coriorum extra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene in contrarium pruilegiorum et libertatis dictorum burgensium in fraudem nostre magne custume dicti burgi · Nos igitur attendentes et perpendentes infrictionem dicte libertatis et huiusmodi dampna nostra et dictorum nostrorum burgensium commisimus et presentium tenore committimus preposito balliuis et burgensibus dicti burgi nostri qui pro tempore fuerint eorumque deputatis liberam facultatem et plenariam potestatem eschaetandi et ad vsum nostrum appropriandi et capiendi huiusmodi bona lanas pelles coria sic extra dictum vicecomitatum et libertatem dicti burgi abducta seu imposterum forsitan abducenda absque solucione nostre custume · De quibusquidem bonis eschaetatis concessimus et presentium tenore concedimus dictis burgensibus burgi nostri de Abirdene dimedietatem eschaete eorundem pro eorum laboribus sumptibus et expensis faciendis circa eorum eschaetacionem · Aliam vero dimedietatem dicte eschaete ad nos importare et de eisdem bonis annuatim in nostro scaccario compotum reddere tenebuntur prepositus et balliui burgi supradicti · Quocirca vniuersis et singulis ligiis et subditis nostris quorum interest vel interesse poterit stricte precipiendo mandamus quatenus dictis preposito balliuis et burgensibus dicti burgi eorumque ministris et seruitoribus in omnibus et singulis eschaetacionem dictorum bonorum concernentibus et deportacionem eorundem ad vsus nostros vt premittitur prompte respondeant pareant et intendant et quod in contrarium presentium nullatenus deuenire presumant temporibus pro futuris sub omni pena que competere poterit in hac parte · presentibus pro nostra voluntate duraturis · Datum sub magno

sigillo nostro apud Edinburgh nono die mensis Octobris anno domine Millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo octauo et regni nostri vicesimo secundo ·

Carta venditionis a Johanne Banerman data de terris de Smythihalch nunc le Croes ·

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Johannes Banerman de Alesike salutem in domino sempiternam Noueritis me dedisse concessisse ac precise omninoque vendidisse ac titulo vendicionis alienasse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse honorabilibus et prouidis viris preposito balliuis consulibus burgensibus et communitati burgi de Aberdene totas et integras terras meas antiquitus nuncupatas le Smythihalch modernis diebus vocatas le Croes cum pertinenciis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene ac totum jus et clameum que in dictis terris cum pertinenciis habui habeo vel habere potero pro me et heredibus meis omnino quietumclamasse pro quadam certa summa pecunie quam dicti prepositus balliui et consules pro redempcione et ob impetracionem dictarum cum pertinenciis ab Edmundo Banerman filio et herede quondam Johannis Banerman dudum satisfecerunt · Necnon michi in mea magna et vrgenti necessitate bene et fideliter persoluerunt in prompta pecunia numerata vnde me bene contentum teneo penitus et solutum ac dictos prepositum balliuos consules burgenses et communitatem dicti burgi et successores suos inde quietosclamo imperpetuum per presentes · Renunciando solempniter et expresse doli mali metus non numerate pecunie et omnibus aliis exceptionibus tam peremptoriis quam dilatoriis que penes predictam solucionem prefatis preposito balliuis consulibus burgensibus et communitati dicti burgi obesse aut mihi heredibus uel assignatis meis prodesse valeat aut poterit seu valeant aut qualitercunque poterint in futurum · Tenendas et habendas omnes et singulas terras predictas cum pertinenciis prefatis preposito balliuis bur-

gensibus consulibus et communitati dicti burgi et successoribus suis a me et heredibus et assignatis meis de domino nostro rege heredibus et successoribus suis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas in moris marresiis petariis turbariis viis semitis planis pascuis et pasturis boscis planis siluis et virgultis aucupacionibus venacionibus et piscacionibus molendinis multuris et eorum sequelis cum curiis et earum exitibus ac eschaetis bondagiis aueragiis cariagiis et mulierum merchetis et cum omnibus aliis et singulis libertatibus commoditatibus et asiamentis ac iustis pertinenciis quibuscunque tam subtus terra quam supra terram tam procul quam prope tam non nominatis quam nominatis ad dictas terras cum pertinenciis spectantibus seu juste spectare valentibus quomodolibet in futurum adeo libere et quiete plenarie integre honorifice bene et in pace in omnibus et per omnia sicut aliqua terra infra regnum Scocie alicui persone liberius datur conceditur assignatur seu possidetur sine reclamacione reuocacione aut contradictione aliqua mei vel heredum aut assignatorum meorum seu aliorum quorumcunque inde facienda qualitercunque in futurum · Faciendo inde dicti prepositus balliui consules burgenses et communitas burgi predicti domino nostro Regi heredibus et successoribus suis seruicia de dictis terris cum pertinenciis debita et consueta tantum pro omni alio seruicio seculari exactione vel demanda que de dictis terris cum pertinenciis aliqualiter exigi poterit aut requiri · Et ego vero prefatus Johannes banerman heredes et assignati mei totas et integras predictas terras de Smythihalch siue de le Croes cum pertinenciis prefatis preposito balliuis consulibus burgensibus et communitati dicti burgi et successoribus suis warrantizabimus acquetabimus et imperpetuum defendemus · In cuius rei testimonium Sigillum meum presenti carte est appensum mee · Apud dictum burgum decimo secundo die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo nono · Testibus honorabilibus prouidis et circumspectis viris dominis et magistris Roberto Stevart vicario dicti burgi · Alexandro Yhong Canonicis

ecclesie Aberdonensis · Alexandro Banerman germano meo · Jhoanne Voket et Magistro Jhoanne Cadiou notario publico burgensibus dicti burgi · Cum multis et diuersis aliis.

Confirmatio Jacobi III · terrarum de Cruives ·

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum · Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem · Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac presenti Carta nostra confirmasse dilectis nostris preposito et balliuis consulibus et communitati burgi nostri de Aberdene terras de Crwuys cum pertinenciis iacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Aberdene · Quequidem terre cum pertinenciis fuerunt dilecti nostri Johannis Bannyrman de Alesike hereditarie et quas idem Johannes non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapsus set sua mera et spontanea voluntate in manus nostras apud Striueline coram subscriptis testibus per fustem et baculum ac suos procuratores ad hoc legittime constitutos sursum reddidit pureque simpliciter resignauit ac totum jus et clameum que in dictis terris cum pertinenciis habuit seu habere potuit pro se et heredibus suis omnino quittum clamauit imperpetuum · Tenendas et habendas dictas terras de Cruvis cum pertinenciis dictis preposito balliuis consulibus et communitati dicti burgi de Aberdene et eorum successoribus prepositis consulibus et communitati eiusdem burgi perpetuis futuris temporibus de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas antiquas et diuisas prout iacent in longitudine et latitudine · Cum omnibus et singulis libertatibus commoditatibus et asiamentis ac iustis pertinenciis quibuscunque tam non nominatis quam nominatis ad dictas terras cum pertinenciis spectantibus seu quomismodo juste spectare valentibus in futurum · Et adeo libere quiete plenarie integre honorifice bene et in pace in omnibus et per omnia sicut dictus Johannes aut predecessores sui predictas terras cum pertinenciis de nobis aut predecessoribus nostris ante

dictam resignacionem nobis inde factam liberius tenuit seu possedit tenuerunt seu possederunt · Reseruatis nobis et successoribus nostris seruiciis oneribus vtilitatibus et emolumentis de dictis terris ante dictam resignationem debitis et consuetis · In cuius Rei testimonium presenti Carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus · Testibus reuerendis in Cristo patribus Andrea Episcopo Glasguensi · Thoma Episcopo Aberdonensi · dilectis consanguineis nostris Andrea domino Avandale cancellario nostro · Colino Comite de Ergile domino Cambell Magistro hospicii nostri · Gilberto domino Kennedy · Johanne domino Dernle · Alexandro Boide de Drumcoll · Johanne de Culquhone de eodem nostrorum Compotorum Rotulatore militibus · Magistris Dauid de Guthre de kincaldrum thesaurario nostro et Archibaldo Quhitelaw Archediacono Morauiensi Secretario nostro · Apud Striueline vicesimo sexto die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto et regni nostri sexto ·

Carta Jacobi III · Regis de Custuma salmonum ·

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum · Omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem · Noueritis quod pro singulari fauore amore et affectione quos et quam habemus erga dilectos et fideles nostros prepositum balliuos consules et communitatem burgi nostri de Abirdene et pro suis gratuitis seruiciis temporibus exactis nobis exhibitis et impensis ex auisamento et deliberacione nostri concilii dedimus concessimus et confirmauimus ac presentis carte nostre tenore damus concedimus et confirmamus eisdem preposito balliuis consulibus et burgensibus dicti burgi et eorum successoribus libertatem eiusdem burgi habentibus et habituris vt ipsi et successores sui predicti liberi sint pro perpetuo et quitti de omni solucione custumarum salmonum de dicto burgo exeuncium et captorum in aquis de done et dee eisdem liberis burgensibus pertinencium et pertinere valencium qualitercunque in

futurum · Saluis et exceptis nobis et successoribus nostris custumis salmonum per extraneos ac ligeos nostros libertatem eiusdem burgi non habentes de dicto burgo carcandis et habendis prius nobis debitis et consuetis · Tenendas et habendas dictas custumas salmonum liberas prefatis preposito balliuis et burgensibus liberis dicti burgi de Abirdene et eorum successoribus predictis de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum libere quiete honorifice integre bene et in pace sine reuocacione quacunque aut contradictione aliquali nostri aut successorum nostrorum exceptis prius exceptis quoiusmodo inde facienda in futurum · De quibus quidem custumis omnibus salmonum predictorum exceptis prius exceptis custumarios nostros dicti burgi ac nostros receptores compotorum Rotulatores scaccariorum et compotorum auditores et ceteros officiarios nostros presentes et futuros pro nobis et successoribus nostris exonerauimus et tenore presentis carte nostre exoneramus pro perpetuo · In cuius rei testimonium presenti Carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus · Testibus Reuerendis in Cristo patribus Johanne Episcopo Glasguensi cancellario nostro · Jacobo Episcopo Dunkeldensi · Andrea Electo Morauiensi nostri secreti sigilli custode · dilectis auunculis nostris Johanne Comite Atholie domino de baluany · Jacobo Comite buchanie domino de Ouchtirhouse magno camerario nostro · venerabili in Cristo patre Archibaldo abbate monasterii nostri Sancte Crucis de Edinburgh thesaurario nostro · dilectis consanguineis nostris Thoma domino Erskin · Willelmo domino borthwik · Alano domino Cathkert · dilectis clericis nostris magistris Archibaldo quhitelaw Archediacono laudonie secretario nostro et patricio leiche canonico Glasguensi Clerico nostrorum Rotulorum et Registri · Apud Edinburgh decimo die mensis decembris Anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo secundo et regni nostri vicesimo tercio ·

Litera Jacobi III · Regis de constituendo tronatore ·

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum · Vniuersis et singulis ligiis et subditis nostris ad quorum noticias presentes litere peruenerint salutem · Sciatis quod fecimus constituimus et ordinauimus ac tenore presentium facimus constituimus et ordinamus dilectum familiarem seruitorem nostrum Andream Wod de vuirblaretoun tronatorem burgi nostri de Aberdene pro toto tempore vite sue dantes et concedentes eidem Andree plenariam potestatem et mandatum speciale ad exequendum et excercendum officium tronatoris dicti burgi nostri et in eodem plenarie ministrandum durante vita sua prout alii tronatores in dicto officio prius ministrarunt cum omnibus feodis proficuis commoditatibus et deuoriis ad dictum officium tronatoris burgi nostri predicti spectantibus et que ad idem officium temporibus retroactis pertinere spectabant cum potestate etiam dicto andree vnum vel plures deputatum seu deputatos sub eo in dicto officio tronatoris durante toto tempore vite sue prout sibi melius videbitur expediens substituendi et deputandi · Quare vniversis et singulis quorum interest vel interesse poterit stricte precipimus et mandamus quatenus dicto Andree et suis deputatis in omnibus et singulis dictum officium tronatoris concernentibus prompte respondeant pareant et intendant durante toto tempore vite sue sub omni pena quam erga nostram regiam incurrere poterint maiestatem · In cuius rei testimonium magnum sigillum nostrum presentibus apponi precepimus apud Edinburgh vicesimo die mensis Aprilis anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo quarto et regni nostri vicesimo quarto ·

Carta Jacobi IV · de officio tronatoris hereditarie dato ·

Jacobus dei gracia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem · Sciatis quod pro

singulari fauore quem gerimus erga dilectum nostrum familiarem Armigerum et hostiarium Camere nostre Andream Wod de ovirblaretoun dedimus et concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra damus et concedimus eidem Andree officium tronatoris burgi nostri de Aberdene · Quodquidem officium idem Andreas de nobis in vitalem redditum nunc habet per nostras literas sibi desuper confectas · Tenendum et habendum predictum officium tronatoris dicti nostri burgi de Aberdene dicto Andree Wod et heredibus suis masculis quibuscunque de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum · Cum omnibus et singulis feodis deuoriis proficuis libertatibus commoditatibus juribus et pertinenciis ad dictum officium spectantibus seu juste spectare valentibus quomodolibet in futurum · Cum potestate dicto Andree et heredibus suis in dicto officio ministrandi et eodem vtendi et excercendi prout de jure et consuetudine regni nostri exercere et vti debent ac vnum vel plures deputatum vel deputatos sub eis in dicto officio pro quo seu quibus respondere tenebuntur substituendi et deputandi · Faciendo et perimplendo dicti Andreas et heredes sui masculi omnia et singula dicto officio incumbencia ac reddendo nobis et successoribus nostris seruicium nobis inde debitum · In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus · Testibus dilectis consanguineis nostris Archibaldo Comite Angusie domino douglas cancellario nostro · Patricio Comite de Boithuile domino halis etc. Alexandro domino hume magno camerario nostro · Johanne domino Drummond Justiciario nostro · Venerabilibus in Cristo Patribus georgio Abbate de Pasleto thesaurario nostro · georgio Abbate de dunfermling · Et dilectis clericis nostris magistris Ricardo Murehede decano glasguensi Secretario nostro et Johanne fresale decano de lestalrig nostrorum Rotulorum et registri ac consilii clerico · Apud Dunbertane septimo die mensis Junii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo quinto et regni nostri septimo ·

Ane decreyt gewin on the stokat be the Lordis of Counsale ·

Jacobus dei gracia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem · Sciatis nos quoddam actum siue decretum per dominos nostri consilii inferius descriptos datum et promulgatum vtique intellexisse sub hac forma · At Edinburgh the xix day of Junij the ȝere of god j$^{m}$ iiij$^{c}$ lxxxxiiij ȝeris The lordis of Counsale vnderwritten that is to say a maist reuerend and reuerend faderis in god robert archibischop of glasgw George bischop of Dunkeldin nobill and michty lordis Archibald erle of Angus etc · Chancellare of Scotland Archibald erle of Ergile Williame erle merschell Johnne lord of glammys Andro lord gray Williame lord borthuik laurence lord Oliphaunt Robert lord lile Johnne lord drummond Williame lord of Sanct Johnns Venerable faderis in god george abbot of dunfermling Robert Abbot of Kelso george abbot of Paslay maister Richard murehede dene of glasgw and secretar to our souerane lord Maister Johnne fresale dene of lestalrig and clerk of ye register sir duncane forestar of Skipynch knicht comptrollare to oure souerane lord Johnne of Ogiluy sonn and apperand air to James lord Ogiluy of Arly schir James Allerdes provost of oure lady kirk of ye heuch and maister richard lausoun · Anent ye terme assignit be a bill to the Alderman baleȝeis and communite of Abirdene to produce and schew sic richtis as thai wald vse anent the clame of the forest of Stokkat the Castellhill and diuerse vthiris places clamyt to pertene to oure Souerane lord · oure souerane lordis aduocate and Andro Wod comperand for thare interess and the parte of oure souerane lord · Alexander Rede alderman of Aberdene and the procuratouris of the said tovnn beand present · the Charter and infeftment maid to the said tovne be king Robert the broise of maist nobill mynde at lenth sene hard and vnderstandin the Lordis of consale tharwith ripely avisit decretis and deliueris that for ocht that thai haue yit sene the said alderman baillies and communite

sall broik and joise the said burgh of Abirdene with the pertinence as thai brokit of before because thai clamyt the said boundis and placis be vertew of the said Charter ay and quhill thai be lauchfully put thairfra and but preiudice of oure souerane lordis Richt · Extractum de libro actorum per me Johannem fresale decanum de lestalrig clericum Rotulorum et Registri ac Consilii supremi domini nostri Regis sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus · Quod quidem actum siue decretum ac omnia et singula in eodem contenta in omnibus suis punctis et articulis approbamus ratificamus et pro nobis et successoribus nostris vt premissum est confirmamus · Datum sub testimonio magni sigilli nostri · Apud Edinburgh vicesimo die mensis Junij anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo quarto et regni nostri Septimo ·

Carta Jacobi IV · Regis de potestate eschaetandi bona non custumata ·

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem · Sciatis quia intelleximus quod burgenses et mercatores burgi nostri de Abirdene quam magna dampna et incommoda hactenus perpessi sunt ob exportacionem lane pellium et corriorum extra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene incontrarium priuilegiorum et libertatis dictorum burgensium in fraudem nostre magne custume dicti burgi · Nos igitur attendentes et perpendentes infrictionem dicte libertatis et huiusmodi dampna nostra et dictorum nostrorum burgensium commisimus et tenore presencium committimus plenariam potestatem eschaetandi et ad vsum nostrum appropriandi et capiendi huiusmodi bona lanas pelles corria sic extra dictum vicecomitatum et libertatem dicti burgi abducta seu imposterum forsitan abducenda absque solucione nostre custume · de quibusquidem bonis eschaetatis concessimus et tenore presencium concedimus dictis preposito balliuis et burgensibus burgi nostri de

Abirdene dimedietatem eschaete eorundem pro eorum laboribus sumptibus et expensis faciendis circa eorum eschaetacionem · Aliam vero dimedietatem dicte eschaete ad nos importare et de eisdem bonis annuatim in nostro scaccario compotum reddere tenebuntur prepositus et balliui burgi supradicti prout litere potestatis quondam carissimi et nobilissimi aui nostri dictis preposito balliuis et burgensibus prius desuper confecte in se plenius proportant et testantur · Quare vniuersis et singulis ligeis et subditis nostris quorum interest vel interesse poterit stricte precipiendo mandamus quatenus dictis preposito balliuis et burgensibus dicti burgi eorumque deputatis ministris et seruitoribus in omnibus et singulis eschaetacionem dictorum bonorum concernentibus et deportacionem eorundem ad vsus nostros vt premittitur prompte respondeant pareant et intendant · Et quod incontrarium presencium nullatenus deuenire presumant temporibus profuturis sub omni pena quam erga nostram regiam incurrere poterint maiestatem · presentibus pro nostra voluntate et deinde vsque ad nostram specialem reuocacionem earundem duraturis · Datum sub magno sigillo nostro Apud Abirbrothok vndecimo die mensis Decembris anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo quinto et regni nostri octauo.

Privilegium alterum eschaetandi ob non solutam custumam ·

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum · Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes littere peruenerint salutem · Sciatis quia intelleximus quod burgenses et mercatores burgi nostri de Aberdene quam magna dampna et incommoda hactenus perpessi sunt ob exportacionem lane pellium corriorum et victualium extra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene incontrarium preuilegiorum et libertatis dicti nostri burgi et burgensium eiusdem ac contra statuta Itineris nostre Camerarie et in fraudem nostre magne custume dicti nostri burgi · Nos igitur attendentes et perpendentes infrictionem dicte libertatis dampnaque et incommoda nostra et

dictorum burgensium nostrorum inde perpessa commisimus tenoreque presencium pro nobis et successoribus nostris committimus preposito balliuis et burgensibus dicti nostri burgi nunc presentibus et qui pro tempore fuerint liberam facultatem plenariam potestatem et mandatum speciale ad eschaetandum et ad vsum nostrum applicandum et appropriandum Omnia huiusmodi bona lanam pelles corria et victualia sic vt premittitur per quascunque personas extra dictum nostrum vicecomitatum et libertatem prefati nostri burgi abducta seu forsan imposterum abducenda absque solucione nostre magne custume inde debite de quibus quidem bonis vt premittitur eschaetatis concessimus tenoreque presencium concedimus dictis preposito balliuis et burgensibus de Aberdene dimedietatem eschaete nostre eorundem bonorum pro ipsorum laboribus sumptibus et expensis circa eschaetacionem eorundem faciendis · Aliam vero dimedietatem dicte eschaete nobis importare et de eisdem bonis annuatim in scaccario nostro compotum reddere tenebuntur prepositus balliui et burgenses suprascripti · Quare vniversis et singulis ligeis et subditis nostris quorum interest stricte precipimus et mandamus quatenus dictis preposito balliuis et burgensibus dicti nostri burgi de Abirdene presentibus et futuris eorumque ministris et seruitoribus in omnibus et singulis eschaetacionem dictorum bonorum concernentibus et asportacionem eorundem ad vsus nostros vt premittitur prompte respondeant pareant et intendant et quod incontrarium presentium nullatenus deuenire presumant temporibus affuturis sub omni pena que competere poterit in hac parte ac secundum tenorem aliarum nostrarum literarum et quondam nobilissimi progenitoris nostri Jacobi secundi cuius anime propicietur Deus prefatis preposito balliuis et burgensibus dicti nostri burgi sub nostris magnis sigillis prius desuper confectarum · In cuius rei testimonium presentibus nostris litteris pro nobis et successoribus nostris pro perpetuo in suo robore duraturis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus · Apud Edinburgh decimo septimo die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo quingentesimo vndecimo et regni nostri vicesimo quarto ·

The decreyt of priuilege of bludwyk ·

Jacobus dei gracia Rex Scotorum · Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem · Sciatis nos quoddam actum siue decretum arbitrale per dominos nostri consilii inferius descriptos datum et promulgatum vtique intellexisse sub hac forma · At Edinburgh the xxiijj day of Januare the ȝere of god j$^{m}$ v$^{c}$ and xi ȝeris We William bischop of Abirdene Andro bischop of Caithnes Commendatour of Kelso thésaurar to our souerane lord dauid bischop of Ergile George postulat of the Ylis Edward byschop of Orknay Archibald Erle of Ergile Andro lord gray Justice generale to oure souerane lord and maister gawane dunbar Archidene of Sanctandrois Clerk of Register Jugis arbitratouris and amicable compositouris commonly chosin betwix ane noble and mychty Lord William erle of Erroll schiref of Abirdene principale on the ta part and gilbert menȝeis provest of the burgh of Abirdene Johnne Mar and Johnne Colisoun, bailȝeis of the sammyn schir Johnne Ruthirfurd knicht patrik Lesly Johnne Culane and James Colisoun burgessis thairof for thame self and as procuratouris for the hale communite of the said burgh constitute vnder thair commoun sale on the tother part · tuiching the contraversy movit betwix thame anent the vse and possessioun allegit to be had be the saidis provest bailȝeis and communite and thar predecessouris of punysing of trubbill and blude that happinnit amangis nychtbouris of the said burgh and anent thar jurisdictioun and privilege tharof and anent the stop maid to thame tharintill as wes allegit in thar complaint be the said scheriff in the arresting of thare comburgessis to shiref courtis contrar thar said priuilege and vse and tuiching the richt of the said mater and all actioun movit or to be movit tharvpoun · And how the saidis partiis suld bruke and joise anent the premisses in tyme tocum like as is contenit in ane compromisse maid hervpoun in jugement in presens of the lordis of counsale · The saidis partiis being bundin oblist

and suorne to vnderly fulfill and complete oure decrete sentence and deliuerence or ony five of ws Jugis forsaid and being present befor ws and thar richtis resonis and allegatiounis at lenth be ws herd sene vnderstand and we deligently and riply thairwith auisit havand God befor ws all in ane voce decretis deliueris pronuncis and for oure finale sentence and decrete arbitrale ordanis that in all tyme tocum quhar thar sall happin ony blude to be committit betuix burgessis of the said burgh and fre men and that josis the priuilege of the sammyn amangis thar self within the burgh and fredome · That the provost and bailȝeis tharof that salbe for the tyme sall knaw and haif cognicioun tharapoun lyke as thai haif done in all tymes bigane · And the said schiref nor his successouris nor thar deputis to haif na intrometting tharwith · and quhar blude beis committit in ony tyme tocum within the said burgh or fredome betuix personis nocht burgessis dwelland owtwith the sammyn and nocht joisand the priuilege tharof the said scherif to haif cognicioun and knawledge tharapoun · and quhar thar beis blude committit betuix burgessis of the said burgh or vtheris joisand the priuilege of the sammyn and vtheris personis remanand outwith the burgh and fredome the said burgh and the provest and bailȝeis tharof to haif jurisdictioun and cognitioun in that caise apoun the burgesses and thame that josis the priuilege as said is and the said schiref apoun the vther personis nocht burgessis nor joisand the said priuilege · Reservand alwais to the said provest and bailȝeis and thar successouris to knaw apoun trublance that beis committit be quhatsumeuir personis within the said burgh and fredome like as thai haif done of befor · and quhar ony burgessis fremen or vtheris joisand the priuilege of the said burgh committis blude outwith the sammyn and fredome tharof in that caise the forsaid schiref and his successouris to haif cognitioun apoun the said blude alwayis · And alse without preiudice to the said schiref or ony vther Richt or priuilege that he of resoun aw to exerse within the said burgh and fredome · And this our decrete and sentence to haif the strenth of the decrete of the lordis of

the hale sete because the said actioun wes compromittit to ws jugis forsaidis in jugement befor the saidis lordis · And it was ordanit that oure decrete to be gevin thairuppoun suld haif siclike strenth as it had bene gevin in jugement be the lordis of the hale sete · And tharfor ordanis letteris be direct herapoun gif nede beis in dew forme as efferis · Extractum de libro actorum per me magistrum gawinum dunbar archidiaconum sanctiandree clericum rotulorum registri ac concilii supremi domini nostri regis sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus · Quodquidem actum siue decretum arbitrale in omnibus et per omnia approbamus ratificamus et per presentes ut premissum est confirmamus · Datum sub testimonio magni sigilli nostri apud Edinburgh vicesimo octauo die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo vndecimo et regni nostri vicesimo quarto ·

Dischairge Jhon of barbon of 650 lib for nocht going to the host ·

I Johnne of Barbon secretair to my lord gouernour grantis me to haue resauit in my said lordis name fra Johnne Chyne Commissair for the haill townn of Abirden the sovme of sex hundreth and fyfty pundis gude vsuale money of the Realme · The quhilk he hes payt for the compositioun of the said townn to remaine at hame fra this ost and Raid as the kingis lettre beiris thairupoun of the quhilk sowme of vi$^{c}$ and l li money forsaid I discharge the said Johnne and all vtheris for ay and euer · In vitnes thairoff I haue subscriuit this acquitanse with my hand at Edinburgh the last day of August the ȝeir of god j$^{m}$ v$^{c}$ and xxij ȝeris · J. Barbon fr ·

Commission and factory in a submission to Arbiters ·

Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris ws bailȝies conseill and communite of Abirdene the commont weill of the said brughte

in that part be ws hard seyne considerit and vnderstand to haue maid constitut and ordanit and be the tennour of thir present letteris makis constitutis and ordainis rycht honorable men Thomas Menȝes our prouest gilbert menȝes of findone Alexander Stratoun of that ilk Sir John rutherfurd knycht Andro Cullane Willeame Rolland Dauid Andersone Alexander gray Thomas Chamer Jasper Cullan Master Androw tulidef Duncane Mair Johne blak Johne Murray Johne Andersone Johne Arthour · · · · coniunctly and seueraly our waray lauchtfull and vndoutit procuratouris actouris factouris and speciall herend beireris giffand grantand and committand to our said procuratouris and to thar substituttis ane or may our waray lauchtfull full and plane power express mandment and charge for ws and in our nayme to compeyr afor reuerend faderis in god robert bischop of Murray James bischop of Ross rycht noble and mychti lordis James Erll of Murray luftendand of the northt William Lord grame erll of Montrose Jugis arbitrouris and amicabill compositouris equalie schoschin betwix ws and honorable men Willeam leslie of bouquhane John leslie of wardris Alexander setoun of Meldrum Alexander leslie of that ilk Walter leslie of New leslie and vtheris thar kine frendis allias familiaris fauoreris familiaris and assistaris and inlikwise afor rycht reuerend faderis in god James arsbischop of Sanctandrouise Chansleir of scotland and gawane bischop of Abirden ouremen equaly schoschin betwix ws in ane wouce efter the forme of the compromitt maid betwix ws at abirden the xxvi day of October immediat preceding the dait of this writ as in the samyn at gret lintht is contenit one the first monunday of lenterin next to cum in Abirdene sanctandrowise sanct Johnstoun braquhin or ony vther sicklik place that it sall happin the said Jugis and ouremen to conveyne or quhat vthir day or place afor or efter that it sall happin the said lordis to conueyne with continuatioun of days and to complene in our nayme to the saidis lordis jugis and ouremen on the gret cruell murthouris slachtris mutillationis hurttis and gret cruell effucioun of bluid and hawy oppressioun dovne one ws to our souerane lordis bailȝeis

officiaris and ouris and to the nychtbouris of our said burght innocently but ony occatioun / to ask and tak redress of the samyn / our rychtis ressonis allegationis and witnes to produce / aganis ws producit to excepe and inpugn / litiscontestatioun to mak / the aitht of fidelite on our saull and consciens to suer / our absence to excuse / actis instrumentis sentence and documentis to produce raise lift and vptak / protestatiounis and appellationis gif neid be to mak / compositioun sythment and kinbutt to tak / and generally all and sindry vthir thingis to do exerse and wse that we mycht do and we wer present in propyr personis / haldand and for to hald ferme and stable all and quhetsumeuir thing our said procuratouris or thair substitutis ane or ma coniunctly and seueraly in our namys in the premisses ledis lauchtfully to be dovne be all and sindry our landis and gudis mowable and vnmowable present and to cum · In witnes of the quhilkis to this our procuratory and mandet we have caused affix our commount seill togidder with the subscriptionis manuell of the handis of the bailȝeis consell and a great part of the communite of the said burght representant the body of the haill tovne in takin of thar consentis and assentis · At Abirden the xv day of Januar the ȝeir of god a thousand fiv hundreth tuente and fiv ȝeiris afor thir witnes worschipfull men master Dauid Menȝes Master John Marschell Master William Philipsone, and Master dauid Nicholsone notaris publik with vthir diuerse etc. etc.

Thomas Menȝes Provost with my hand

Gylbert Menȝes
Duncane Mar with my hand
Mathow Brancht with my hand
Andro Brabner with my hand at the pen
Robert Moysis with my hand
Andro Craufurd with my hand at the pen
Jaspar Cullan with my hand
Dauid Andersone with my hand
John Arthur with my hand
John Crab senȝeour with my hand at the pen
Alexander Menȝes with myhand
Patrik Leslie with my hand
Alexander graye wyth my hand

Dauid lamb with my hand at the pen
Gilbert hay with my hand at the pen
John blak with my hand at the pen
Robert edocht wyth my hand
Waulliam gray with my hand
Andreas Cullan
Wellgem Rolland
Master Androw tulydef with my hand
Jhone ruderfurd with my hand
Alexander Graye with my hand
Andro fif with my hand at the pen
Alexander knowis wyth my hand
James Cheyne with my hand at the pen
Thom Chamer with my hand at the pen
Richard Wause
Alexander kyntor
Dauit Arrot with my hand
Johne Andersone with my hand
Dauid Colp
Jhon Malyson
Thomas Watsone
Adame of Weir with my hand at the pen ·

Et nos notarii subscripti retroscriptum mandatum audiuimus perlectum et pro tocius communitatis aberdonensis mandato et vnanimi consensu communi sigillo sigillatum Iudicioque in pretorio eiusdem burgi vidimus et nostris subscriptionibus sic fuisse confectum attestamur decimo quinto die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo quinto indictione decima quarta pontificatus sanctissimi in Cristo patris et domini nostri Clementis Pape septimi anno v° horam circa duodecimam in meridie loco quo supra

Ita est vt prescribitur Magister Dauid Mengis notarius publicus ad hec manu propria

Ita est vt prescribitur Magister Willelmus Philipsoun notarius publicus ad hec manu propria

Carta Remissionis Jacobi V ·

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem · Sciatis quia cum auisamento et consensu nostri thesaurarii et dominorum compositorum Remisimus preposito balliuis communitati burgensibus le scot et lot soluentibus et eorum seruitoribus actualiter remanentibus infra burgum nostrum de Abirdene et inhabitantibus intra terras et limites siue marchias burgales eiusdem in genere et in specie latoribus presentium Rancorem animi nostri sectam regiam et omnem actionem quem et quas ergo ipsos concepimus habemus seu quouismodo in futurum habere poterimus pro eorum proditoriis remanencia mora et absencia ab exercitibus nostris de sulway et werk ac aliis nostris exercitibus quibuscunque nostras contra proclamationes et mandata desuper directa Et pro omnibus actione et crimine que eis aut eorum alicui quouismodo imputari poterint · Necnon pro omnibus aliis actionibus transgressionibus criminibus et offensis quibuscunque per dictas personas aut earum aliquam aliquibus temporibus retroactis vsque in diem date presentium commissis seu quomodolibet perpetratis / proditoria traditione in nostram personam regiam incendio murthuro mulierum raptu communi furto fabricatione finctione et importatione false monete in regnum nostrum dispositione eiusdem per importatores ac homicidiis per dictas personas aut earum aliquam post primum diem mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo sexto perpetratis tantummodo exceptis / dummodo partibus conquerentibus et dampna passis taliter satisfaciant quod nullam super hoc decetero iustam querimoniam audiamus · Et supradictos prepositum balliuos communitatem burgenses et eorum seruitores actualiter infra dictum burgum nostrum de Abirdene remanentes et inhabitantes intra terras et limites eiusdem suprascriptas in genere et in specie sub firma pace et protectione nostra iuste suscipiendo firmiter inhibemus nequis eis aut eorum alicui occasione dictarum proditoriarum

remanencie more et absencie aut aliarum actionum transgressionum criminum et offensarum quarumcunque predictarum malum molestiam iniuriam seu grauamen aliquod inferre presumat iniuste super nostram plenariam forisfacturam aut mortem eis aut eorum alicui inferat sub pena amissionis vite et membrorum · In cuius Rei testimonium has literas nostras Remissionis pro toto tempore vite prefatorum prepositi balliuorum communitatis burgensium et eorum seruitorum ac inhabitancium terras et limites burgi nostri antedicti et cuiuslibet ipsorum duraturas sub nostro magno sigillo sibi fieri fecimus patentes · Apud Abirdene septimo die mensis februarii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo septimo · Et regni nostri decimo quinto ·

Factorie Towne of Abirdene to Menȝeis ·

Be it kend till all men be thir present Letteris wss provest ballies counsall and communite of Abirdein to haue maid constitut and ordanit and be the tenor of thir present letteris makis constitutis and ordanis ane Rycht honorabill man and our weile belowit nychtbour Thomas Menȝes of petfoddalis our werray lauchfull and vndoubtit commissar actor and procuratour with power to substitut ane or maa hawand siclik power as him self Gewand grantand and committand to our said commissar and his substitutis our full fre and plane power for wss and in our name to pass to the presens of our souerane lord the kingis grace to his lordis of Counsall and all vtheris to quhom they sall think expedient quhatsumeuir day and place and thair to compleine and regrait the cruell oppressioun thocht felloun and slauchter committit on diuerse and syndry nychtbouris of this guidtown be Alexander forbess of burghis and his complicis the penult day of iuly the ȝeir of god ane thousand five hundreth and thretty ȝeris and to persew justice of the samyn in the charpest forme / to delait and agreige the said mater in the charpast maner / To produce abefor our

Souerane lord forsaid and lordis of Counsall the act of Jornall quhair Johnne lord forbess was actit for his kyn and freindis gif ony of thame suld happin to committ ony offence aganis this gude town or ony nychtbour of the samyn that he suld deliuer the committar thairof to the provest and ballies vnder the pane of twa thousand pundis / and to persew justice thairof in the charpast maner / And generalie all and sindry vther thingis to do exerce and vse that we mycht do and we war present in propir persoun / haldand and for to hald ferme and stable all and quhatsumeuir thing our said commissar or his substitutis ane or maa coniunctlie and seueralie in the premissis ledis lauchtfullie to be done or said · In vitnes of the quhilk to this our commissioun subscriuit witht the handis of our provest counsall and ane greit part of our communite we haue appensit our commovne sele At Abirdene the last day of July the ȝeir of God Ane thowsand fiwe hundreth and thretty ȝeris ·

Gilbert Menȝis with my hand
Andreas Cullen with my hand
Thomas Chamer with my hand at pene
Jhone Collisone with my hand
Henry Irwyn with my hand on the penne
Johne blak with my hand at pene
Richard Wause with my hand
Wilȝem Chamer with my hand
Mathov Branch with my hand
Alexander Nicholson with my hand
Androw Wod with my hand at pene
Patrik forbes with my hand at the pene
Duncane Mar with my hand
Patrik Lesle wyth my hand
Alexander graye manu propria
Jhon Malyson vith my hand
John Cran wyth my hand
Jhone Anderson

Thomas Watsone with my hand
Thomas Craufuird
Jhone Weyr
I George bissett with my hand
Wylȝem kaye with my hand at the pen
Alexander Anderson vith my hand
Thome blak with my hand at pene
Jhone Mayr with my hand
Williem Rolland with my hand
Jhon rattre with my hand
Johne ȝonger Colison
Jhon Arthwr
A · Cullen
John knowis with my hand at pen
Alexander kyntor with my hand
I Dauit Arrot with my hand
I Robart M^c^indak wytht my hand

Mandatum et commissio Procuratorum Burgi ·

Vniuersis pateat per presentes Nos balliuos consules et communitatem burgi de Abirdene fecisse constituisse et ordinasse necnon tenore presencium facere constituere et ordinare nostros predilectos Thomam menȝes Johannem Collisoun seniorem burgenses de Abirdene et Magistrum henricum bonavise et eorum quemlibet insolidum coniunctim et diuisim nostros veros legittimos et indubitatos procuratores ac commissarios actores factores et negociorum nostrorum infrascriptorum gestores ac nuncios speciales et generales Dando et concedendo dictis nostris procuratoribus et commissariis et eorum cuilibet coniunctim et diuisim nostram plenariam et omnimodam potestatem ac mandatum speciale pro nobis et nomine nostro ad comparendum coram compotorum scaccarii auditoribus supremi domini nostri Regis die lune decimo septimo die mensis

septembris instantis cum continuacione dierum apud Edinburght seu alibi vbi contigerit ipsos pro tempore residere seu quibuscunque aliis diebus seu locis necessariis et opportunis · Et ibidem cartam seu infeodacionem predecessoribus nostris et nobis burgensibus de Abirden per illustrissimos supremi domini nostri Regis bone memorie antecessores de et super libera Custuma salmonum liberorum burgensium dicti burgi de Abirden et exoneracione custumarum earundem sub magno sigillo factam et concessam producendam et respondendum pro exoneratione custumarii dicti burgi penes voluntatem et mandatum dicti scaccarii compotorum auditorum sibi desuper directum protestationesque de jure licitas et permissas in premissis faciendum et leuandum · Prouiso tamen quod dicti nostri commissarii seu procuratores nullam litiscontestacionem nisi prius preuia legittima citatione et vocatione prepositi balliuorum consulum et communitatis dicti burgi pro eorundem interesse faciant seu introducant quod si secus fecerint causando premissis irritum sit et pro nullo habeatur Ceteraque omnia alia et singula faciendum gerendum et exercendum in premissis secundum formam dicte commissionis que nosmet facere possemus si personaliter interessemus / etiam si mandatum exigant maius speciale quam presentibus est expressum / promittentes nos ratum gratum firmum et stabile habere et habituros totum et quicquid dicti nostri commissarii et procuratores coniunctim et diuisim in premissis nomine nostro rite duxerint aut duxerit faciendum · In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum causarum siue contractuum presentibus est appensum apud Abirden duodecimo die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo septimo ·

Commissio ad tractandum de stapula ·

Vniuersis pateat per presentes Nos balliuos consules et communitatem burgi de Abirden fecisse constituisse et ordinasse necnon tenore presentium facere constituere et ordinare honorabiles et

prouidos viros Thomam Menȝes nostrum prepositum et eorum quemlibet coniunctim et diuisim nostros veros legitimos et indubitatos commissarios in hac parte / dantes et concedentes eisdem et eorum cuilibet coniunctim et diuisim nostram veram liberam integram et omnimodam potestatem et mandatum speciale pro nobis et nomine nostro ad comparendum infra oppidum de dunde cum aliis commissariis oppidorum de dunde montrose sancti Johannis et sancti Andree seu aliorum burgorum quorumcunque decimo die mensis augusti instantis seu quibuscunque aliis diebus et locis conuenientibus per ipsos assignatis seu assignandis et ibidem cum illis commissariis ad communicandum consultandum adinvicem tractandum agendum et determinandum pro commodo et republica mercatorum dictorum burgorum penes conuentiones et stapulationes eorundem cum eorum rebus et mercantiis fiendas temporibus futuris infra oppidum de Campfeir in flandria ea que tractanda agenda et determinanda veniunt · et ad petendum et postulandum a domino dicti oppidi de Campfeir hostellarium seu hospicium publicum vbi liberi et immunes ab assisis et talȝehis conueniant et moram trahant · Prouiso tamen omnimodo quod dicti mercatores non sint obligati nec astricti ad conueniendum et stapulandum in aliquo certo determinato loco nisi vbi eis videbitur expediens pro eorum commodo et vtilitate · Et generaliter omnia alia et singula faciendum agendum concludendum et determinandum in premissis et circa ea que necessaria fuerint seu quomodolibet opportuna aut que nosmet omnes facere possemus si personaliter interessemus · Promittentes nos ratum gratum firmum et stabile habentes et habituros totum et quicquid per dictos nostros commissarios et eorum quemlibet conjunctim et diuisim actum factum dictum gestum seu operatum fuerit in premissis sub ypotheca et obligatione omnium bonorum nostrorum mobilium et immobilium presentium et futurorum · In cuius rei testimonium sigillum secretum dicti nostri burgi quo ad causas vtimur presentibus appendi fecimus · Apud Aberden quinto die mensis Augusti Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo primo ·

The kingis grace Reuocatioun of george auchinlek Infeftment de Nouo Damus ·

Apud dunnotter xxii Junij anno etc. lxxx°

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Joannes Andro

At Dunnotter the xxii day of Junij the ȝeir of god j$^{m}$ v fourescoir ȝeiris Anent the supplicatioun presentit to the kingis Maiestie and lordis of secreit counsale be the provest counsale and commvnite of the burght of Abirdene makand mentioun That quhair his hienes progenitour king Robert of gude memorie quha restis with god sumtyme beand within the said burght persaving the barrennes and sterilite of the cuntrie quhair the said burght is situat and the gret honestie thairof togidder with the fervent lufe schawin be thame to his hienes and his progenitouris then and at all tymes of befoir / Considdering alsua thair bauld manheid in the recouering and distroying of the strong castell biggit and mantenit thair be the Englismen sumtyme for danting and suppressing of the burght and cuntrie · vpoun thir respectis dotit the said burght and communite thairof of his bountifull liberalite and clemencie with certaine commoditeis liberteis and immvniteis for the ayd and support of the same · And namelie with ane pece ground callit the stokkat adiacent to the burght and the salmound fischeingis of the same burght vpoun the wattris of dey and done for ȝeirlie paiment to his grace and his successouris of thre hundreth and tuentie merkis

vsuale money of this realme in name of feuferme as thair infeftment thairof proportis / according to the quhilk thay and thair predicessouris hes peciabillie bruikit and joisit the saidis salmound fischingis of the same burght continewallie sen the obtening of thair said infeftment without impediment or molestatioun of ony persoun quhill laitlie within thir five ȝeris lastbipast that george auchinlek of balmanno havand the landis of polgony and murtour liand contigue to the salmound fischeingis of done on the north and northeist side of the saidis fischeingis purchest ane pretendit new infeftment of the saidis landis including thairin salmound fischeing per modum de nouo damus quhilk he nor his predecessouris neuir had in ony infeftment befor bot maist wranguslie purchest and gevin be his moder broder the erll of Mortoun then being Regent of his hienes Realme and liegis not onlie to the gret dampnage and detriment of his hienes the commvnite forsaid and their posteritie bot alsua to the gret preiudice of his maiesteis ȝeirlie revenew and patrimonie of his Croun In sa far for the said provest counsale and commvniteis pairt that gif the said george be sufferit to cum in possessioun (in the quhilk as ȝit he neuir cam) of the said new pretendit · conqueist of the said fischeing thay and thair successouris will be debarrit and stoppit fra all salmound fischeing on that watter in all tymes cuming in respect he pretendis his said new fischeing to be betuix thame and the sea and in the sey forganis the wattir mouth of done / thair scarring and debarring of the salmound fischis with cobillis aris and nettis stopping thame to entir in the wattir and thairby chaissing of thame agane in the mayne sey to the saidis provest counsale and commvniteis vtter heirschip and wrak seing that without the industrie and commodite of salmound na burght nor inhabitant of burght culd weill be thair be desert solitude · And as concerning his hienes pairt in preiudice of his patrimony they can not be abill to pay the ȝeirlie feuferme of thre hundreth and tuentie merkis to his hienes gif thay inlaik the commoditie quhairfor the same is payit · Mairowir his Maiestie will inlaik the ȝeirlie dewitie and custume of the salmound

fische quhilk now is payit ȝeirlie gif the salmound be not takin bot stayit and impeidit by the impediment forsaid / ffor the maist speciall dewitie and custume of the said burgh consistis in the custume of salmound ȝeirlie as the cheker comptis testifiis Sua ar they not onlie hurt and dampnifiit be this new infeftment of de nouo damus bot alsua his hienes patrimony is and wilbe meikle hurt thairby · Humilie thairfoir desyiring our souerane lord that for releiff of his awin conscience / redres of the saidis prouest counsale and commvnitie and reteining his Maiesteis awin richt and ȝeirlie rent that his hienes wald prouide remeid heirto be revoiking of the said pretendit new infeftment of de nouo damus for the caussis forsaidis lyke as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplicatioun · Quhilk being red sene and considderit be his maiestie and lordis of secreit counsale and thay having respect nocht onlie to the scaith sustenit be the saidis prouest counsale and commvnitie be granting of the said new infeftment of the saidis fischeingis bot alsua that his hienes is and wilbe greitly preiudgit thairby / respectand thairwithall the commoditie that sall redound to his Maiesteis selff be making of the said reuocatioun / Hes thairfoir eftir mature aduise and deliberatioun Reuoikit cassit annullit and dischairgit lyke as his Maiestie be thir presentis with auise of the Lordis of his secreit counsale Revoikis cassis annullis and dischairgis the said new infeftment of de nouo damus sa far as the samin extendis or may extend to the saidis fischeingis allanerlie as gevin to the said george in his Maiesteis minoritie nocht onlie to the scaith of the saidis provest counsale and commovnitie bot alsua to the gret hurt of his hienes awin ȝeirlie rent Declairand the samin with all that followis or may follow thairvpoun tuicheing the said fischeingis to haue bene fra the begynning and to be in all tyme cuming of nane availl force nor effect in judgement or outwith quhaireuir the samin beis producit.

JAMES R̃ ·

Montroiss Deir ·

Preceptum sasine terrarum quondam Fratrum predicatorum et Fratrum alborum ·

Jacobus dei gratia Rex Scotorum Vicecomiti et balliuis suis de Abirdene necnon dilectis nostris Jacobo Turing * * et eorum cuilibet coniunctim et diuisim vicecomitibus nostris de Abirdene in hac parte salutem · Quia nos statum et conditionem pauperum intra regnum nostrum perpendentes commiseratione erga eos cristiana et paterna pietate inducti presertim pro sustentatione pauperum hospitalium gymnasiorum aliorumque piorum vsuum intra burgum nostrum de Abirdene ac vt sustententur · Igitur cum auisamento dominorum nostri secreti consilii dedimus concessimus disposuimus ac pro nobis et successoribus nostris pro perpetuo confirmauimus predilectis nostris preposito balliuis consuli et communitati dicti nostri burgi de Abirdene ac eorum successoribus imperpetuum Omnes et singulas croftas terras tenementa et alia subscripta que perprius tam ad fratres predicatores quam fratres albos lie quhite freiris de Abirdene pertinuerunt ac nunc nobis tanquam pars proprietatis nostre corone per ordinem generalem desuper susceptum pertinent ac etiam in manibus nostris virtute nostre vltime generalis reuocationis de eisdem confecte deuenerunt viz · illam croftam vocatam lie ȝaird croft jacentem inter terram et croftam Adami Mar ex orientali lie Womannishill ex occidentali domum Gilberti Andersoun appellatam lie blakfreiris manse et templum ex australi et lacum ex boreali partibus · croftam terre vocatam lie sowcroft jacentem inter viam publicam ex orientali lie Denburne ex occidentali croftam Georgii harrow ex australi et viam communem ex boreali partibus · Croftam vocatam Craigwell croft jacentem inter croftam Magistri Gilberti bisset ex orientali croftam Georgii Watsoun ex occidentali croftam Andree dwn ex australi et viam publicam ex australi partibus · Tres parcas lie riggis terrarum jacentes prope lie Crabstane inter parcas terrarum diue trinitatis ex orientali croftam Alexandri leith ex occidentali

viam publicam ex australi ac croftam Georgii Watsoun ex boreali partibus · Croftam vocatam Cunyngarhillis jacentem inter cunicularium de Abirdene ex orientali viam publicam ex occidentali croftam gilberti Williamesoun ex australi et lie gallowhillis ex boreali partibus · duas parcas terrarum vocatas filthy coppis jacentes inter futismyre ex orientali viam publicam ex occidentali croftam Alexandri Cullane ex australi et croftam Joannis Irwing ex boreali partibus · duas parcas terrarum lie riggis jacentes in fluris inter lie gallowhillis ex orientali publicam viam ex occidentali croftas Alexandri Malysoun ex australi et croftam olim ad robertum kintor pertinentem ex boreali partibus · parcam terre vocatam barbouris croft jacentem inter viam publicam ex orientali lie Cruikit myre ex occidentali croftam Magistri Roberti Lummisdane ex australi et croftam Alexandri Rutherfurde ex boreali partibus · Vnam parcam terre jacentem inter commune cunicularium ex orientali croftam Willielmi Vmfray ex occidentali vinellam vocatam garrakis wynd ex australi et croftam Alexandri Cullane ex boreali · Vnam parcam terre jacentem in futtieland inter commune cunicularium ex orientali torrentem vocatum the trinitie burne ex occidentali croftam gilberti gray ex australi et croftam Jacobi blak ex boreali · vnam parcam jacentem prope lie gallowgaitheid inter lie gallowhillis ex orientali viam publicam ex occidentali croftam Andree Jak ex australi et croftam Andree Malyson ex boreali · Vnacum omnibus et singulis terris croftis horreis mansionibus et hortis ad predictos fratres predicatores perprius pertinentibus · Ac etiam omnes et singulas croftas terras et alia subscripta ad fratres albos vocatos lie quhytefreiris de Abirdene spectantes et pertinentes viz. croftam vocatam lie dowcot croft jacentem inter croftam Martini howesoun ex orientali croftam vocatam langlandis ex occidentali viam publicam ex australi et croftam Georgii Watsoun ex boreali · Croftam vocatam langlandis jacentem inter croftam magistri Gilberti bisset ex orientali croftam Duncani Donaldsoun ex occidentali viam publicam ex australi et croftam martini howesoun ex boreali · Croftam vocatam pynournuke jacentem inter

lie denburne ex orientali et croftas Gilberti Menȝes ex occidentali fyndmark ex australi et viam publicam ex boreali · Croftam vocatam ladycroft jacentem inter lie pynour croft ex orientali croftam Martini howesoun ex occidentali croftam Magistri Jacobi burnett ex australi et croftam diui Joannis ex boreali · Croftas vocatas Cuttingis jacentes inter croftam Magistri Jacobi burnett ex orientali croftam Martini howesoun ex occidentali terras gilberti Menȝeis senioris ex australi et octo rodas lie ruidis ex boreali partibus · octo rodas seu particatas lie ruidis jacentes inter croftam Georgii watsoun ex orientali croftam Gilberti gray ex occidentali croftam Martini howesoun ex australi et viam publicam ex boreali · Croftam vocatam pringillis croft jacentem inter croftam Joannis Andersoun ex orientali Roblaw ex occidentali croftam Gilberti gray ex australi et croftam gilberti Collesoun ex boreali partibus · vnam croftam jacentem inter croftam georgii Watsoun ex orientali croftam fratrum predicatorum ex occidentali croftam Duncani Donaldsoun ex australi et croftam Magistri Gilberti bissett ex boreali · Vnacum omnibus aliis et singulis terris croftis annuis redditibus horreis tenementis et mansionibus ad predictos fratres albos pertinentibus jacentibus infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene · Necnon cum omnibus et singulis terris tenementis domibus edificiis ecclesiis capellis hortis pomeriis croftis annuis redditibus fructibus deuoriis emolumentis firmis elemosinis pecunia largitoria et obitus lie daill syluer and obittis et anniuersariis quibuscunque que quouismodo pertinuerunt seu pertinere dinoscuntur ad quascunque capellanias prebendas seu alteragia in quibuscunque ecclesia capella seu collegio infra libertatem dicti burgi nostri de Abirdene per quamcunque personam seu patronum fundatas in quarum possessione capellani et prebendarii earundem perprius extiterunt vbicunque infra regnum nostrum jacent vel temporibus retroactis percipi consueuerunt · ac etiam cum omnibus et singulis terris domibus et tenementis intra dictum nostrum burgum et libertatem eiusdem cum omnibus annuis redditibus de domibus edificiis terris seu tenementis intra dictum nostrum burgum datis

dotatis ac fundatis quibuscunque capellaniis alteragiis ecclesie mortuariis seu anniuersariis vbicunque infra regnum nostrum existentibus necnon cum omnibus et singulis annuis redditibus aliisque deuoriis quot antea percipi consueuerunt seu acclamari poterint per quamcunque ecclesiam extra dictum nostrum burgum a preposito et balliuis eiusdem de eorum republica seu communi bono · Preterea cum auisamento antedicto vnimus et incorporamus omnes et singulas terras croftas tenementa domus edificia templa templorum hortos capellas pomeria hortos annuos redditus fructus deuoria proficua emolumenta firmas elemosinas obitus anniuersaria cum suis pertinenciis in vnum corpus nostram fundationem de Abirdene in futurum nuncupandum · Ac volumus quod vnica sasina semel per predictos prepositum et balliuos vel eorum aliquem apud pretorium dicti nostri burgi adeo sufficiens erit sasina pro perpetuo in futurum ac si eadem super particularibus terris croftis tenementis et aliis supradictis suscepta fuisset non obstante distantia locorum et quod in diuersis locis seu partibus jacent prout in carta nostra desuper confecta latius continetur · Vobis precipimus et mandamus quatenus dictis preposito et balliuis vel eorum alicui aut suis certis actornatis latoribus presentium sasinam omnium et singularum prenominatarum terrarum croftarum tenementorum hortorum mansionum et aliorum tam particulariter quam generaliter suprascriptorum cum suis pertinentiis secundum formam et tenorem antedicte carte nostre quam de nobis inde habent ac vnionis prescripte iuste haberi faciatis et sine dilatione et hoc nullo modo omittatis · Ad quod faciendum vobis et vestrum cuilibet coniunctim et diuisim vicecomitibus nostris de Abirdene in hac parte committimus potestatem · Datum sub testimonio nostri magni sigilli apud Striuiling vicesimo sexto die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo quingentesimo octuagesimo tertio et regni nostri decimo septimo ·

Exemptioun be King James the Sext to the Town of Aberdein from all raids inquest assises etc.

James be the grace of god king of Scottis To all and sindrie our Shireffis Stewartis Justice Justice Clerkis thesaurare aduocate and all vtheris jugeis and ministeris of our Law thair deputtis and officiaris present and to cum liegis and subdittis quhome it effeiris to quhais knawlege thir our letteris sall cum greting · Wit ȝe ws vndirstanding that the provest baillies counsall and communitie of oure burgh of Aberdeine ar oftymeis atteichit and summondit to pas vpoun inqueistis and assyises to our burghe of edinburgh and vtheris pairtis outwith thair boundis and jurisdictionis in crymeis committit far distant fra thame quhairof thai are altogidder ignorant and that thai had ane exemptioun to the effect vnderwrittin gevin and grantit to thame be ws with avise of vmquhile our rycht traist cousing James erle of Mortoun Lord Dalkeith etc. Regent to ws oure realme and liegis for the tyme as the samin exemptioun of the dait at Aberdeine the third day of September the ȝeir of god j$^{m}$ v$^{c}$ thriescoir fouretene ȝeires dewlie and ordourlie past admittit in the Justice Court haldin at our said burgh of Aberdene immediatlie thaireftir be vmquhile schir Johne Bellenden our Justice Clerk for the tyme at mair lenth beiris · As alswa considdering how vpoun the occasioun of commissionis of Lieutennendreis and Justiciareis grantit in fauoris of the nobilmen of the cuntrie or to vtheris for administratioun of Justice passing vpoun oure rebellis and disorderit personis for revenge of privat querrellis and contraverseis betuix pairtie and pairtie the saidis provest bailleis counsall and communitie ar oftymeis drawin furth of thair awin toun to vtheris pairtis of the cuntrie to the gryte hazard of thair lyveis and wrak of thair guidis albeit that according to the libertie of frie burgh quhairwith thai and thair predicessouris are infeft and foundit thai aucht onlie to attend vpoun oure self being in the feildis in propir persoun or with oure Lieutennent in defence of oure realme

aganis forane nationis · And haueand consideratioun that oure said burgh of Aberdeine lyis within the north pairtis of oure realme far distant fra ws / and of the gude trew and thankfull seruice done to ws and oure predecessouris be the prouest baillies counsall and communitie of oure saide burght alsweill in tyme of weir as of peace and of thair reddy and dewtifull obedience towardis ws quhairof we haue daylie pruif and experience and respecting thair guid mynd to continew thairin heirefter / Thairfore we haue gevin and grantit and be thir our letteris gevis and grantis to the provest bailleis counsale communitie burgessis craftismen and induellaris of oure said burgh of Abirdene present and to cum speciall licence to remane and abyde at hame fra all raidis conventionis oistis assembleis armeis gatheringis wapinschawingis or weris to be maid be ony oure Justices be commissioun of lieutennendrie Justiciarie or vther commissioun quhatsumevir to be grantit be ws or oure successouris or meeting of thame in ony pairt within oure realme in tyme cumming / except that ather oure self be present in propir persoun or that oure leutennent accompaneit with the remanent of oure realme be vpoun the defence of the cuntrie aganis forane nationis or that oure self pas for repressing of rebellis and traitouris againis oure persoun within the cuntrie · and fra all comperand or passing vpoun any assyissis or inqueistis in quhatsumeuir crymeis or actionis (except sick crymes as ar committit within oure said burgh fredome thairof and twa myles about the same) Exemis and dischargeis thame and ilkane of thame thairfra during all the dayis of thair lyvetimes · And willis and grantis that thai in doing thairof sall incur na payne skaith cryme nor danger in thair personis landis or guidis / nor be callit nor accusit thairfore criminalie nor ciuilie be ony maner of way in tyme cumming notwithstanding ony our actis statutis ordinanceis letteris proclamationis or chargeis quhatsumewir speciall or generall maid or to be maid in the contraire · Anent the quhilkis and all panis contenit thairintill we have dispensit and be thir oure letteris dispenssis with the provest bailleis counsall communitie burgessis craftismen and indwellaris

of our said burgh present and to cum for evir / Dischargeing heir-fore ȝow all and sindrie oure schirreffis stewardis Justice Justice Clerkis thesaurare aduocate and all vtheris jugeis and ministeris of oure Lawis ȝoure deputtis and officiaris present and to cum off all calling accusing atteiching arreisting summonding warning poinding trubling or onywyse intrometing with the saidis provest baillies counsall communitie burgessis craftismen and indwellaris of oure saide burghe present or to cum thair landis or guidis in onywyse in tyme cumming for thair said remaining and abydeing at hame fra oure saidis raidis armeis and vtheris forsaidis and fra all and sindrie inqueistis and assyissis to be committit as said is / and of ȝour offices in that pairt / be thir oure letteris · Gevin vnder oure privie seill At Dalkeith the sextene dai of Maii the ȝeir of god j$^{m}$ v$^{c}$ fourescoir tuelff ȝeiris and of our Regnne the twentie fyve ȝeir ·

Per signaturam manibus S · D · N · Regis ac Secretarii subscriptam etc. etc. etc.

Productum visum et admissum in Curia Justiciarie S · D · N · Regis tenta in pretorio de Edinburgh secundo die mensis decembris anno domini millesimo sexcentesimo decimo quinto per dominum Willelmum heart de prestoun Justiciarium S · D · N · Regis ·

S$^{r}$ Williame Hart ·

I William Erll of Angus Lieutenent for his Maiestie from Tay northe admittis this exemptioun for this present reid and proclamatioun onlie · Aberden the xxiij day of November 1592 ·

Angus Lieutenent ·

We lodovek Duke of lennox Erle darnley lord Torboltoun obigny and Methwen Lieutenent to his maiestie within the north partis of this realme ratifeis and approvis the

exemptioun within wretin to be gud and effectuall · Subscryuit with our hand at Aberdene the day of december the ȝeir of god j$^{m}$ v$^{c}$ fourscoir and fourtene ȝeiris ·

Ludouic duik of lenox ·

Productum coram Joanne Gordoun de boggis vicecomite deputato de Aberdene justiciario in hac parte virtute commissionis S · D · N · Regis et admissum xxij Junij 1608 ·

Producit be the baillies of Aberden in name of the communitie thairof befoir John Chalmer messinger juge to the comprysing perseuit be John Leslie of Wardres aganis george leslie of Creithy xvj Octobris 1611 ·

Thomson Notarius scriba ss$^{t}$ ·

Licence to the toun of Aberdein to byd fra the oist ·

Rex

We be the tennour heirof gevis and grantis our licence to the prouest baillies counsale communitie and haill inhabitantis of our burgh of Abirdene and fredome thairof to remane and byde at hame fra oure present oist and armey conuenit at our said burgh of Abirdene and appointit to pas fordwart with ws to the north pairtis of our realme without ony pane cryme skaith or danger to be incurrit be thame thairthrow in thair personis landis guidis or geir nochtwithstanding quhatsumeuir our actis statutis or proclamationis maid or to be maid in the contrair · Quhairanent and all paneis contenit thairintill we dispens be thir presentis · Gevin vndir our signet and subscryuit with our hand At Abirdene the xxiii day of October and of our reignne the xxviij ȝeir · 1594 ·

James R̃ ·

J. T. Cancellarius ·

Licience to set in feu the wast kirkgett ·

James be the grace of god king of Scottis To all and sindrie oure liegis and subditis quhome it efferis quhais knawlege thir oure letteris salcum Greiting · Witt ȝe us efter our aige of tuentie five ȝeiris and all oure reuocationis alsweill speciall as generall with auise and consent of our thesaurair Vndirstanding how the provest bailleis counsall and communitie of oure burgh of Aberdein ar of mynde and purpois to joyne the paroche kirk of oure said burgh contigue with the remanent of the samyne burgh houssis tenementis and biggingis thairof for the policie and decoratioun of the said toun for the quhilk effect necessair it is to thame to sett in few rentall or vthirwyis to the nichtbouris of the said toun or sum vtheris That pairt of the gait and way betwix the wester ȝaird dyke of the said kirk and the foircroft sumtyme belangand to the blak freiris of Aberdene with vtheris pairtis round about the said kirkȝaird togidder with vther waist places of the said burgh for bigging of housses and tenementis thairupoun quhairby not onlie sall the boundis of the said burgh be enlairgit in houssis and policie bot also the said parroche kirk salbe circuit with tenementis and biggingis according to the maner of sindrie vtheris oure burrowis within oure Realme · And we being of gude mynde and purpose to further and incurage the provest bailleis counsall and communitie of our burgh forsaid to the performance and accomplishment of the said gude wark / Thairfore with auise and consent foirsaid efter oure aige and reuocationis above writtin to haue gevin grantit and disponit and be thir oure letteris gevis grantis and disponis to the provest baillies counsall and communitie of our said burgh of Abirdene present and to cum and thair successouris expres licence libertie and facultie to sett out to the nichtbouris of oure said toun or to onie vther persoun or personis in few rentall tak or simpill alienatioun as the saidis provest bailleis counsall and communitie sall think expedient That pairt of the

said gait and way betuix the wester ȝaird dyke of the said kirk and the said croft sumtyme belanging to the blak freiris of aberdene with vtheris pairtis round about the said kirkȝaird togidder with vther waist places of oure said burght for biggingis houssis and tenementis to be maid and biggit thairupoun / and to that effect to designe the samyne biggingis houssis and tenementis sua to be biggit vpoun the samyne be particulair places boundis meithis and merchis · And als to have gevin grantit and disponit and be thir oure letteris gevis grantis and disponis full power to the personis to quhome the pairtis befoir specefeit salbe sett out as said is to mak and big houssis tenementis and biggingis thairvpoun according to the particulair designationis rychtis and titilis to be maid to thame thairanent be the saidis prouest bailleis counsall and communitie · Lyke as also we with consent foirsaid efter oure aige and reuocationis befoir specifeit be thir oure letteris for ws and oure successouris now as gif the pairtis befoir mentionat war alreddy set out and than as now Ratifie Approve and perpetuallie confermis All and quhatsumeuir fewis rentallis takis and vtheris dispositionis to be maid be the saidis provest bailleis counsall and communitie of Aberdene and thair successouris present and to cum of the samyne partis or onie portioun thairof · And lykwyis be thir presentis we for ws and oure successouris renunce and simpliciter discharge all actioun criminall and ciuile quhilk we or our foirsaidis may have againis thame for setting out of the pairtis befoir mentionat or onie portioun thairof / narrowing of the foirsaid gait and way or for purprisioun or for quhatsumeuir vther caus quhilk we or oure forsaidis may lay to thair charge thairanent / renunceand the samyne simpliciter for euir · Prouiding alwayis that the saidis provest bailleis counsall and communitie and thair successoures leve ane sufficient passage in that pairt of the said toun betuix the wester ȝaird dyke of the said kirk and the foirsaid foircroft for entre and ischue to oure said toun according to the sicht and discretioun of the saidis provest bailleis and counsall · And forder we for ws and oure successoures be thir oure letteris with auise and consent

foirsaid now eftir oure aige and reuocationis abonewritten Ratifie and approve all and quhatsumeuir dispositionis licences and tollerances maid gevin and grantit be the saidis provest baillies and counsall of oure said burghe and thair predicessouris in onie tyme bigane or to be maid gevin and grantit be thame and thair predecessouris in onie tyme cumyng to onie personis induelleris within oure said burgh for bigging amplifeing and extending of the boundis of the houssis and tenementis vpoun onie pairt of the streitis wayis or commoun gaitis of our said burgh of Aberdene or round about the samyne / and sall neuir move questioun querrell or actioun thairanent aganis thame nor thair successoures / nor ȝet aganis the saidis personis to quhome the saidis dispositionis licences and tollerances hes bene and salbe maid gevin and grantit and quha hes biggit / or salbe maid gevin and grantit and quha hes biggit or sall big according thairto or thair airis / Bot renunces and simpliciter discharges the same for ws and oure successoures now and in all tyme cuming · Gevin under our privie seill at halyruidhous the Sevintene day of Marche the ȝer of god j$^{m}$ v$^{c}$ fourescore fourtene ȝeiris and of our Reignne the twenty aucht ȝeir ·

Per signaturam manibus S · D · N · Regis suique Cancellarii Thesaurariideputati Secretarii Computorum Rotulatoris secreti sigilli custodis Clerici Registri et aliorum dominorum sui secreti consilii subscriptam etc ·

25 Septembris 1611 ·
Coram Camerario
M. W. Andersone scriba Curie ·

Transumpt of King Davids Charter granted to the free Borrowes of this Realme ·

At Edinburgh the tuentie fourt day of May the ȝeir of God j$^{m}$ vi$^{c}$ and fyve ȝeirs The Lordis of Counsaill vnderwrittin they ar

to say Alexander Erle of Dunfermeling Lord fyvie and Vrquhart Chancellar of this realme James Lord of balmirrenoch president Johne Commendatar of Halyruidhous Willeame commendatar of toungland Maister Johne prestoun of Stentounbarne Collector generall Maister Dauid makgill of Cranstounliddell Maister Johne Skene Clerk of Register Sir Johne Cokburne of Ormestoun knyght Justice Clerk Sir Richard Cokburne of Clerkingtoun knycht Lord privie seall Archibald Dowglas of Quhittinghame Andro Wemis of Myrecarnie Maister Alexander Hay of forrestersait and M^r Lues Craig of Wrichtisland · Anent Oure Lordis Lettres purchest at the instance of the haill frie burgesses of the haill frie burrowis within this Realme of Scotland and James Wynrahame thair agent in thair names Aganis Dauid Lord of Scone Comptroller to oure Souerane Lord and Sir Thomas Hammylton of Monkland knycht his hienes aduocat for his Maiesties interes in the mater vndirwrittin and all vtheris haveand or pretendand to haue interes thairin · Makand mentioun that quhair vnquhile Dauid be the grace of God king of Scottis of maist worthie memorie be his Chartour under the Great Seall gaif and grantit to the saidis persewaris frie power and facultie to bye and sell within the liberteis of thair awin burghis / fforbidding that ony of thame sall bye and sell within the boundis of the liberteis of ane vther burgh except he be licentiat / Prohibiting alsua ony bischop or priour or vther ecclesiasticall persone of quhatsumeuir estait socuir he be to bye woll skynnis hyddis or vther merchandice vnder quhatsumeuir colour / Nather to sell bot alanerlie fra the merchandis of the burgh within quhais libertie they remaine / quhome the said vmquhile Dauid king hes commandit to present sic merchandice at the mercat and croce of the burghis that the merchandis may bye and that they produce the samyn effectualie without fraude and that they pay the kingis custome thair · His Maiestie alsua hes forbidden be the said chartour that na extranear merchandis cumming with schippis and merchandice / That they sall mak na kynd of merchandice to be sauld bot to the merchandis of frie

burrowis Nather ȝit that thay by ony kynd of merchandice bot fra the handis of the merchandis of the kingis burrowes vnder the pane of his hienes indignatioun · Quhilkis liberteis privilegis and constitutionis his Maiestie be the tennour of the said Chartour hes confirmit for euir to remane as in the said Chartour of the date at the burgh of Perth the aucht day of Marche and of his hienes regne the threttie four ȝeir at mair lenth is contenit · And in respect that the said Chartour is grantit in fauoris of the haill burgesses of Scotland and specialie concernis thame and euerie ane of thame and that the said chartour is of sic great antiquitie quhairby in process of tyme the samin will nocht faill to perische and becum vnlegibill / be the quhilk occasioun the saidis frie burgessis of this realme haveand speciall interes thairto will be greatumlie hurte and damnefeit and prejudgeit in thair liberteis and privileges grantit to thame thairby · For preservatioun and remeid quhairof necessar it is to the saidis persewaris to have the said chartour lauchfullie transumit befoir the Lordis of Counsaill and the authentick doubill and extract thairof decernit be decrite of the saidis Lordis to be delyuerit to the saidis frie burgessis of the saidis burrowes and euerie ane of thame havand interes thairto vnder the Clerk of Registeris handwritt / makand the samyn to haue alse great strenth force and effect in all tyme cumming in judgement and outwith the samyn as gif the said principall and originall chartour wer extant and readie at all tymes to be producit / conforme to the Lawes of this Realme and daylie practique observit in sic caissis · And anent the charge gevin to the saidis Lordis Comptroller and Aduocat for oure Souerane Lordis interes in the said mater and all vtheris haveand or pretendand to haue interes thairintill to haue comperit befoir the Lordis of Counsaill at ane certane day bigane to haue hard and seine the foirsaid originall chartour decernit to be transumit and copeit in maner vnderwrittin or ellis to haue schawin ane ressonable cause quhy the samyn suld nocht have beine done as at mair lenth is contenit in the saidis letteris The saidis haill frie burgesses of the haill frie burrowes

within this Realme of Scotland and James Wynrahame thair agent in thair names comperand be Maister Thomas Hoip thair procutour And the saidis Lordis Comptroller and Aduocat and all vtheris haveand or pretendand to haue interes in the said mater being lauchfullie summonit to this actioun oft tymes callit and nocht comperit the foirsaid partie comperand richtis ressones allegationis togidder with the foirsaid originall auld chartour hard sene vnderstand and the saidis Lordis thairwith being ryplie advysit The Lordis of Counsaill hes transumit and transumes the foirsaid principall originall chartour of confirmatioun maid and grantit be the said vmquhile Dauid be the grace of God king of Scottis for the tyme of maist worthie memorie to the saidis burgesses of the saidis frie burrowes of this Realme of Scotland concernying thair liberteis and privileges aboue specefeit of the date and contentis aboue mentionat and ordinis the samyn to be insert in the buikis of counsaill in authentick forme ad perpetuam rei memoriam and hes interponit and interponis thair authoritie thairto and decernis and ordinis the authentik doubill and copie thairof to be extractit and delyuerit to the saidis persewaris vnder the clerk of Register or his deputtis subscriptioun and handwrytt and the samin to haue alse great strenth force faith and effect in judgement and outwith the samyn in all tyme cumming as gif the samin wer the said principall and originall chartour aboue specefeit · Off the quhilk originall chartour the tennour followes · Dauid dei gracia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis Salutem · Sciatis nos cum consilio [etc.] concessisse dilectis nostris burgensibus Scotie facultatem emendi et vendendi liberam vbique infra libertatem suorum burgorum · prohibendo ne aliquis eorum infra limites libertatis alterius emat vel vendat nisi licentiatus · Prohibemus etiam ne Episcopus aut Prior vel persona ecclesiastica Comes Baro vel persona secularis emat lanam pelles coria aut alia mercimonia sub quocunque colore cuiuscumque fuerit status neque vendat nisi solummodo a mercatoribus burgorum infra quorum libertatem resident quibus precipimus quod huiusmodi mercimonia

presentent apud forum et crucem burgorum vt mercatores emant et ipsis effectualiter proferant sine fraude et ibidem soluant custuman · Regis Prohibemus etiam ne aliqui extranei mercatores cum nauibus et mercandisis venientes vendant aliquod genus mercimoniorum nisi mercatoribus nostrorum burgorum sub pena Regie defensionis nostre · Quasquidem concessiones libertates constitutiones pro perpetuo duraturas tenore presentis carte nostre confirmamus · In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmationis sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi [ · Apud Perth xxviii die mensis Martii anno regni nostri trigesimo quarto] · Testibus venerabilibus in Christo patribus Willelmo Episcopo Sanctiandree · Patricio Episcopo Brechinensi Cancellario · Roberto Senescallo Scotie nepote nostro · Willelmo Comite de Dowglas · Roberto de Erskyne Camerario nostro · Becaus the saidis defendaris wer lauchfullie summonit to haue comperit befoir the Lordis of Counsaill at ane certane day bigane to haue hard and sene the said chartour decernit to ben transumit and copeit in maner foirsaid · or ellis to haue schawin ane ressonable cause quhy the samyn suld nocht haue bene done with certificatioun to thame and thay failȝeit thairin the saidis Lordis wald decerne as said is · And thay beand lauchfullie summonit to that effect as said is nane of thame comperit to schaw ony ressonable cause in the contrar lykas wes cleirlie vnderstand to the saidis Lordis and thairfor thay transumit and decernit in maner foirsaid and ordinis letteris to be direct vpoun the premisses gif neid beis in forme as efferis · Extractum de Libro Actorum per me magistrum Willelmum Scott de Elie deputatum honorabilis viri Magistri Jacobi Skene Clerici rotulorum Registri ac consilii Supremi Domini nostri Regis sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

W. Scott.

This Chartour is dated Apud Perth vigesimo octauo die mensis Marcii anno regni nostri trigesimo quarto ·

Dispositione be Bischop dene and Chapter of Aberdein to the Minister of sanct Nicolas of 200 ℔ ȝeerlie out of the salmound fischerys teyndis vpon Done Water ·

Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris Ws Peter be the mercie of god Bischop of Aberdene with expres consent and assent of the Deane and Channones of our Cathedrall kirk of Aberdeine chapturelie gadderit to the effect vnderwritten · Forsameikill as we finding our selff in conscience bound to sie ane sufficient prouisioun appointit and assignit to the minister serwing the cuire of the kirk of new Aberdeine out of the reddiest of the thirdis of our said Bischoprick it being the onlie kirk of the said Bischoprick quhairof we ar persone and considering thairwith that thir threttie ȝeiris bygane the principall minister of the said kirk of new Aberdeine had ewir assignit to him the sowme of thrie hundreth pundis vsuall money of this realme out of the thirdis of the said Bischoprick · Thairfoir be our vtheris letteris of gift of the dait at Aberdeine the tuentie fyft day of Julij the ȝeir of god ane thowsand six hundreth and sewin ȝeris we with aduyse and consent of the said deane and channones Gawe grantit and disponit in pensioun to our loweing brother Maister Archibauld blakburne than and as ȝit actuall minister of the said kirk of New Aberdeine during all the dayes of his lyftyme All and haill the sowme of three hundreth pundis money forsaid to be payit to him furth of the thirdis of the said Bischoprick out of the particular salmound fischingis stock and teynd respective specifiet in our saidis vtheris letteris of gift quhairout the same wes in vse to be payit of befoir as our said former gift of the dait foirsaid gewin vnder our seall and subscriptioun with the seall and subscriptiounes of the said deane and chapture at mair length in the selff proportis · And Now we knawing the foirsaid sowme of thrie hundreth pundis for sindrie respectis to be ouer meane and small ane prouisioun for ane minister serwing the cure at the said kirk of new aberdeine and

finding our selff bund in conscience to provyde at least ane sufficient and competent steipand for ane of the ministers serwing at the same kirk / the congregatioune of New Aberdeine being our loweing flock quhome we haue servit in the ministrie our selff those threttie ȝeiris bygane · And we haweing the teyndis baith of thair aickeris and salmound fischingis quhilkis teyndis God and the king hes ordainit and appointit for mantenance and prouisioune of the ministerie / besydes that the said Maister Archibauld Blackburne hes serwit at the said burghe in the ministrie with ws be the space of thir allewin ȝeiris bypast who in all that tyme hes bene boith dutiefull and steddabill to ws / comfortabill to the kirk and countrie within our diocie of Aberdeine and proffitabill many wayes to the said congregatioun of New Aberdeine his peculiar flock / his burding and charge in his ministrie being great and painfull both be ressoune of our weakness and inhabilitie to serwe our selff and of the depairture of sum of his brether and colligis in the said functioun of the ministrie · In consideratione quhairof and that the teyndis and thriddis efter specifiet now disponit and augmented be ws be vertew of those presentis to the forsaid stipend of thrie hundreth pundis conteanit in our said former gift ar acquired be our selff vpoun our large charges and expenssis thay being disponit of befoir in pensioun ad vitam And the persones quhome to thay war disponit remaneing ȝit alyve / Wit ȝe Ws thairfoir to hawe gewin grantit and disponit and be the tennour heirof with consent forsaid gewis grauntis and disponis to the said Maister Archibauld Blakburne present Minister at the said kirk of new Aberdeine during all the dayes of his lyftyme and failȝeing of him be deceas to his successouris in all tyme comeing serwing the cure of the ministrie efter him successive at the said kirk of New Aberdene ane ȝeirlie pensioune of the sowme of twa hundreth pundis money forsaid to be vpliftit ȝeirlie and payit furth of the thriddis of our said Bischoprick out of the particular salmound fischingis stock and teynds respectiue vnderwrittin quhairout the same hes bene in vse to be payit of befoir / to those quha had the same

disponit to thame in pensioune, viz. furth of ane half nettis fisching of done perteining to Maister Richard Irwing burges of Aberdeine the sowme of fyftie sex pundis · Item furth of ane of the halfnettis salmound fisching of Done perteining to Patrick Gordoune of Birsmoir the sowme of fiftie sex pundis · Item furth of ane vther halfnettis salmound fisching of Done pertening to Walter Collisoune burges of Aberdeine the sowme of fyftie sex pundis · Item furth of the teynd salmound fisching of the Cruiffis on the said watter of Done pertening heritablie to Thomas Forbes burges of the said burghe the sowme of threttie aucht pundis · Quhilkis particular dewties and teynd syluer respectiue above specifeit we be the tennour herof with consent foirsaid speciallie assigne and dispone to the said Maister Archibauld and his successouris ilkane successiue efter him serwing the cure of the Ministrie of the said kirk of New Aberdeine for payment to thame of the said pensioune of Tua hundreth pundis · With Powar to the said Maister Archibauld and his successouris forsaidis serwing the Cuire of the Ministrie at the said kirk to vplift ressaue and intromet with the said sowme of Tua hundreth pundis money foirsaid conteanit in this present gift / togiddir with the forsaid sowme of thrie hundreth pundis conteanit in our said former gift ȝeirlie and ilk ȝeir in all tyme comeing at the termes of payment vsit and wount fra the heritabill fewaris possessouris tennentis occupearis and intromettares with the salmound fischingis stock and teynd respective astrictit and in vse of payment of the samen / and to call and persew thame thairfoir befoir quhatsumewir judge or judges competent / acquittances and discharges to gewe thairvpoun quhilk salbe sufficient to the ressaueris / And generallie all vther thingis to do vse and exerce for vplifting and intrometting with the said sowme of twa hundreth pundis disponit be vertew heirof / togidder with the foirsaid sowme of thrie hundreth pundis disponit be ws be vertew of our said former gift ȝeirlie and termelie in all tyme comeing siclyke and als frielie in all respectis as we or our successouris Bischoppis of Aberdeine micht do our selffis in the moist ampill forme of constitutioune

but reuocatioune · And we the said Peter Bischope of Aberdeine and our successouris Bischopis thairof with consent and assent foirsaid sall warrand this our gift and assignatioun aboue writtin to the said Maister Archibauld and his successouris forsaidis serwing the cure of the ministrie successiue eftir him at the said kirk of new Aberdeine perpetuallie in all tyme comeing in all and be all thingis as is aboue expremit againis all deidlie as law will but fraud or gyill · And to the effect that the said sowme of tua hundreth pundis disponit and assignit be ws be vertew heirof togidder with the foirsaid sowme of thrie hundreth pundis disponit be ws abefoir be vertew of our said former gift extending in all to the sowme of fywe hundreth pundis vsuall scottis money may remane and stand ane constant prouisioune and stipend in all tyme comeing to ane of the ministeris serwing the cure of the said kirk of new Aberdeine We with consent foirsaid ar content and consentis that ane Charter and gift of mortificatioune be maid and extendit heirvpoune in the best and maist ampill forme that can be devysit be men of law mortefeing and dedicatting the said haill sowme of fywe hundreth pundis in all tyme comeing in puram et perpetuam elymosinam et ad manum mortuam to the vse foirsaid / to be ratefeit and confermit be our souerane lord the king his maiestie with aduyse of his hienis Estates in Parliament · Requiring also the Lordis of our souerane lordis counsall and Sessioun to direct letteris of horning on this our prouisioun at the instance of the said Maister Archibauld and his successouris foirsaidis for his and thair bettir obedience and reddier payment ȝeirlie of the saidis soumes in all tyme comeing · In Witness quhairof to thir our letteris of gift written be Willeame Craigheid seruiture to Walter Robertsoune Clerk deput of Aberdeine and subscryuit with our hand as also with the handis of the saidis deane and channones in taken of thair consent to the premisses our proper seall togidder with the commoun seall of the said chapture ar appendit · At Aberdeine the fourteint day of Apryill the ȝeir of god j$^{m}$ sex hundreth thretteine ȝeiris Befoir thir witnessis M$^{r}$ Duncane forbes

of balnagask Maister Robert Reid Minister at banchorie Trinitie Maister Johne Logie minister at Insche Maister Thomas Meluill minister at Dyce the saidis Walter Robertsoune and Willeame Craigheid ·

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M. D. Rait principall of the College Deane officio ·
M. Al. Scrogie persone of Drummoak ·
M. George Hay persone of Turreff ·
Mr. Alexander guthrie persone of tullynessill ·
Pr Ꝯoungson minister and callit persoun of Clatt & forbes ·
Mr. Thomas Rivek persone of Lommay ·
Mr. Ja. Iruing persone off Monymusk ·
Mr. J. Strathauchine persone of Coltstane ·
Mr. George Setoun Chancellar off Aberdein ·
Mr. John Strathauchine persone of Kincardinoneill ·
Mr. Patrik Gardyne persoune of balhelueis .
Mr. · · · Strathauchin persone of dauiott and thesaurer ·
Mr. Patrik Darg ministir of the Evangel at fordyce ·
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Alexr Burnet persone of Oyne ·
Mr. Robert Mersar person of Banchordewynyk ·

Mr. Duncan forbess vitnes ·
Mr. Robert Reid Witnes ·
Mr. J. Logie Witnes ·
Mr. Thomas Mealuile vitness ·
W. Robertsoun witnes ·
Willeame Craigheid writtar heiroff witnes ·